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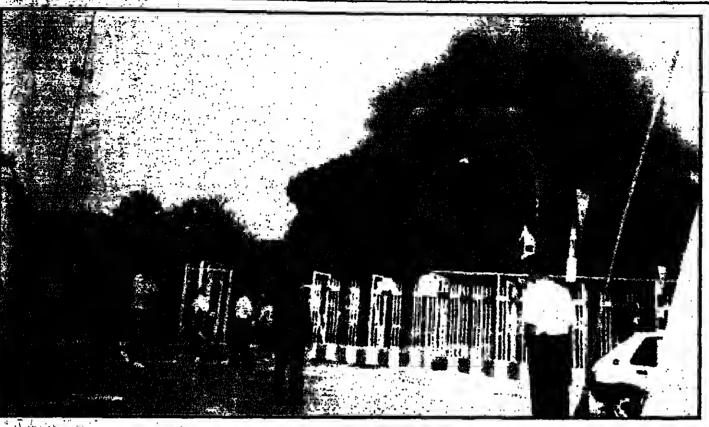


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Smoke rises from the burning Israel Aircraft Industries warehouse in Be'er Ya'acov yesterday.

(Barkai Wolfson, countesy of 'Ma'anv')

1 injured in IAI factory blaze

smoke inhalation when an explosion set a warehouse at the Israel Aircraft Industries factory in Beler Yalacov on fire yesterday

A worker was welding something in a storchouse containing metals, chemicals, paints, and glues when the fire began. The flames engulfed the two-story warehouse. Thick, black smoke covered the area of the

factory.

One worker was lightly injured from on the scene, as did police, Magen David moke inhalation when an explosion set a Adom, and an Environment Ministry inspector.

> After three hours, firefighters succeeding in putting out the blaze, and the fire did not spread to other structures. The injured worker was brought to

> Tzrifin's Assaf Harofeh Hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation.

Residents said they heard a loud hlast sctory:

before the flames became visible, be examined to determine.

Some 20 fire department vehicles arrived. However, IAI said there had been no allowed in such warehouses.

explosion, but only a fire, which did not involve dangerous chemicals. Be'et Ya'acov Local Council head Yoav

Rafael said he intends to intensify protests and organize demonstrations if the company does not reveal the kind of chemicals the factory is dealing with, and whether they endanger area residents.

An investigation will be conducted into the cause of the fire. Regulations will also be examined to determine if welding is (lum)

A sexy voice

Arbel weighs whether to levy charges

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police investigating team Lt.-Cmdr. Ya'acov Grossman; and other

senior representatives of the police

Both the police and the State Anomey's Office played down

reports that there had been a dispute

"All I can say is that we have not presented our recommendations

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Sources said Mazor was refer-

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in which MK Arych Deri's former

lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak and

Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi

were accused of plotting to appoint

Avi-Yitzhak as attorney-general to

help both Deri and Nimrodi in their

Police are now examining this evidence to check if it warrants a

Hapoel TA

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Hapoel Tel Aviv's basketball

club has been relegated to the secand division after 43 years in the

National Basketball League. The once proud franchise was

replaced by Bnei Herzliya. Story, Page 10

full-scale investigation.

the last consultation in the probe,"

said Mazor.

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and State Attorney's Office.

Investigations Chief Cmdr.

Sando Mazor;

the head of the

By LIAT COLLINS and RAINE MARCUS

Following a seven-hour meeting yesterday between prosecutors and the police team investigating the Bar-On Affair, the State Attorney's Office said in could not yet determine

whether indictments would be filed, but would not rule out the possibility after "supplementary inves-

A spokeswoman for State Attorney Edna Arbel issued a terse statement, saying further meetings might be necessary and that it had been decided to carry out supplementary investigations, but "the State Attorney's Office is at the stage of formulating its

We are checking the material and considering whether there is reason to file indictments, but I will say no more than that," Arbel told

The dilemma is not only whether the evidence is sufficient to warrant charges, but whether it would stand nd in 5 controom

Arbel said the complementary investigations "would not change the general picture."

Channel 1, which broke the story that kicked off the investigation. last night said the police are considering recommending that breach of trust charges be filed against Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. Dieses serid me the UF-TOA Diethonary Lendosa a check Dictionary Lendosa acheck NIS S4. Credit card orders NIS S4. Even if such a recommendation is made, however, the final decision

helps catch a thief

A gullible thief who broke into a house in Haifa's Danya district was lured into the arms of the law. after he answered a call on the mobile phone which was among the items he had stolen.

on filing charges rests with the State Attorney's Office, which refused to The suspect succumbed to the Yesterday's consultations at the Justice Ministry were attended by seductive voice on the phone, believing it was a lonely woman Arhel: looking for a companion. He agreed to a meeting and even took Attorney the trouble to be presentable and General put on after-shave - little realizing that his blind date was with First-Elvakim Rubinstein: National

Sgt. Maj. Yardena Rahamim.
Rahamim, who was the duty switchboard operator in the police control room at the time the breakin was discovered on Saturday morning, called the number of the stolen mobile phone several times before it was answered.

She ad-libbed on the phone until the thief agreed to meet her, then hastily changed into civilian clothes and took her own car to the appoint-

ment in Haifa's Hadar section. Rahamim told reporters that the suspect looked "very pleased with himself and even apologized for being late because he'd had to

shower and put on after-shave." His manner quickly changed to shock, however, when he entered her car and was arrested by detectives who accompanied Rahamim.

Police spokeswoman Supt.

Shlomit Minkovsky, said the suspect, 22, from Haifa, came to the 'date" in the car he had stolen from the house in Danya. She said all the other stolen property, including valuable paintings and other items, worth tens of thousands of shekels, were found in

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Israel rejects EU intervention

Netanyahu, Clinton meet today

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

On the eve of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's meeting with US President Bill Clinton, Israel has rebuffed an attempt by the European

Mordechai orders high alert on return from US, Page 2

Union to become more involved in the Middle East peace process, according to Israeli and European

"We accept the principle that Europe can assist the process and we welcome the envoy's pragmatic input - he is a veteran and experienced diplomat," a senior govern-ment source said, after yesterday's visit by EU envoy Miguel Moratinos, "However, we will not agree to direct European intervention in either the political or economic process."

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration held consultations with the Palestinian Authority on approaches toward resolving the curreur stalemate. Special Middle East

One-man

cabinet

Moshe Katsav is a busy man these days. In addition to continuing his duties as tourism minis-

ter, he is filling in for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy, Finance Mini-ster Dan Meridor, Communications Minister Limor Livnat, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who are abroad.

coordinator Dennis Ross was scheduled to meet with PA representative Hanan Ashrawi,

Palestinian negotiators Saeb Erakat and Mahmoud Abbas are also reportedly scheduled to visit the L'S later in the week.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat was on route to India to urge Non-Aligned Movement nations to support Palestinian political rights and condemn the Israeli settlement activiry," his adviser, Nahil Abu Rudeineh, told Reuters.

National security adviser Sandy Berger told CNN Saturday night that it is "premature" to discuss a Camp David-like summit to repair

Berger added that the US believes that final and interim status negotiations can proceed simultaneously.

"First of all, that's process over substance," he said of the summit possibility first mentioned by Netanyahu. "What we need to do first is focus on how we can get the parties back into direct negotiations,

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Outdated flour may come from territories

Tons of flour being sold in Gaza and the West Bank at low prices because its "sell by" date has long passed may be finding

its way into Israel, according to a report by an investigating committee of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

The council first investigated the sale of old flour more than two months ago and recommended that Rations Minister Abdel Aziz Shahin be reprimanded for the practice. The committee

reported 1,800 cases of Palestinians poisoned by tainted flour.

A Civil Administration official said although it would be difficult to bring in tainted flour from Gaza, where security checks are strict, there is nothing to stop an Israeli from going to Nablus, buying up cheap flour, ostensibly for private use, and

PA teachers launch strike

High school teachers in most larger West Bank towns began an open-ended strike yesterday, the first under the Palestinian Authority, after weeks of protests over low salaries and dismissals. The strike included Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron. Schools in Tulkarm and Kalkilya, where no teachers were dismissed, remained open.

Experienced teachers who earn about NS 1,300 are demanding salaries of NIS 2,000-2,500. Although low, teachers salaries are in line with those of other PA-paid employees. Police, for example receive under NIS 1,000.

Abu Marzook to face hearing today

Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook, in a legal quagmire since Israel suspended its extradition request, is expected to be turned over to the custody of US immigration officials at a hearing in New York federal court today.

Abu Marzook, the political leader of Hamas, has been in a

federal jail in New York for nearly 22 months, while US prosecutors – acting at Israel's request – sought his extradition.

However, once extradition was suspended last Thursday, it appeared US authorities had no reason to detain him. The immigration "exclusion" hearing is to determine if the US can deport Abu Marzook, who holds a green card. Jordan is considered his most likely destination. Marilyn Henry

IDF sets limits for Joseph's Tomb

The IDF yesterday afternoon permitted students at the Od Yosef Chai yeshiva in the Joseph's Tomb compound in Nablus to return to the site, after having earlier ordered them out of the area. According to yeshiva director Eli Rosenfeld, the army will only allow up to 100 people to be present in the compound, including the 70 yeshiva students who study there. Rosenfeld said the IDF informed him of the decision after reassessing the

situation late yesterday afternoon. Yesterday morning, the IDF had closed Joseph's Tomh to worshipers and the yeshiva students only hours after allowing them Margot Dudkevitch

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grandchildren and great-grandchildren

The funeral took place yesterday, Sunday, April 6, 1997, 28 Adar 2

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High alert, closure to continue

Soldiers in the territories are to remain on high alert and the closure imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip is to remain in effect, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said last night, following his return from the United States.

Immediately after his arrival, Mordechai was briefed on the security situation by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and OC Intelligence Mai-Gen, Moshe

Ya'alon, Meeting in his Tel Aviv office, Mordechai also heard humanitarian and economic basis. reports of the week's events from Ami Ayalon, head of the General Security Service, and was updated on the events in

the West Bank and Gaza Strip by IDF commanders. Avi Benayahu, Mordechai's spokesman, said the forum was not satisfied with the way the Palestinian Authority has cracked down on terror groups. Mordechai, in coordination with those present, decided that the closure would continue for now, with the exception of a few steps taken on a The high alert which has been in effect since before Land

Day last week is to remain in effect. Mordechai said his three-day visit struck a positive chord with the Americans and that he achieved all of his objectives. He instructed defense ministry officials to work together with the Pentagon over the next few days to consolidate the agreements reached during his meeting with US Defense Secretary William Cohen.

AIPAC votes down resolution on Jerusalem construction

By HELLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - AIPAC's executive committee voted yesterday against a resolution that would affirm the right of Jews to "live and build anywhere in Jerusalem."

A participant in the meeting stated that AIPAC president Melvin Dow was one of two panel members to speak out against the resolution, arguing that such a state-

AIPAC's policy of recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the entire city was sufficient, Dow reportedly said.

The committee, meeting on the first day of the organization's annual conference here, also spurned a motion linking US aid to the PLO to its fulfillment of specific commitments under the Oslo accords. AIPAC's platform already states generally that aid should be linked, but the proposed resolution would have called for specific reductions based on specific violations.

However, the organization is said to be considering advocating that Congress adopt stricter standards in evaluating the PLO's



Book fair opens

Some of the 150,000 book titles being exhibited at the Jerusalem International Book Fair, which opened yesterday. (Your Loeff)

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Poland to repay Swiss account heirs

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Poland will return to legal heirs the funds Warsaw received from dormant Jewish accounts in Swiss banks, according to the Polish Embassy in the US.

In 1975, Switzerland paid Poland nearly SFr 500,000 to settle what were then classified as the dormant accounts of Polish citizens from the a 1949 Swiss-Polish treaty in which each state compensated the other for the losses of their respective citi-

The Swiss claim stemmed from property seized by the post-war communist regime in Poland.

The rights of Holocaust victims and heirs to unclaimed assets in Switzerland remained "wholly intact," according to Swiss historian Peter Hug. What has changed in 50 years is "where these assets are administered and the authority liable for them," wrote Hug. Poland is liable for any assets transferred to

According to published accounts, 53 Poles had accounts in Swiss banks in 1939. It is not clear how many heirs have been identified since the Swiss-Polish treaty came to public attention a number of months ago. Inquiries should be sent to the Polish Embassy in Tel Aviv with a copy to The Jerusalem

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a-half hours later at Eretz Hachaim Cemetery (Yeshiva University section) outside Belt Shemesh.

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living in 3 army outposts As the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza continues to deny reports of a building boom in Judea and Samaria, Peace Now says it knows of three military outposts where settlers have moved in, hoping to establish new settlements. woman Hagit Ya'ari, apart from the

outpost of Ofni, near Ofra, reported

in the media 10 days ago, and

Rehalim on the Jerusalem-Nablus

highway reported yesterday, a move-

ment activist discovered a third out-

post, Nahal Plugot in Gush Etzion.

Ya'ari said the settlers at the out-

However, council chairman

posts are bachelors. "It appears the

settlers have decided to use a differ-

ent strategy," she said.

"an outcry over nothing."

Pinhas Wallerstein (Isaac Harari)

Peace Now: Settlers

In response to the charges, Defense Minister Yitzhhak Mordechai's media adviser Avi Defense Benayahu said last night that in accordance with government decisions, no new settlements are being established in Judea and Samaria.

Pinhas Wallerstein called the reports Ten days ago, Israel Radio broadcast a report on settlers living in There is nothing new in the shipping containers in Ofri. After Channel I aired an item showing the reports about settlers living on milicontainers in which the settlers lived tary outposts, many have been living two days later, police arrested the settlers and detained them for quesin outposts for years. I wish I had some news to report regarding new settlements or a housing boom," he tioning. At the time, the council said it had no knowledge of the settle-

Ofra secretary Yona Hoffman said the Ofni group consisted of three or four young men who have been liv-ing on the hilltop for at least a year. Hoffman added that the hilltop was five kilometers from Ofra and had no connection with it.

Reports regarding Rehalim, near Shilo, claimed that the council was to change its status to a settlement. The outpost was established six years ago, when terrorists shot and killed Rachel Druck and Yitzhak Rofeh.

However, Wallerstein dismissed any plans to turn the outpost into a settlement

Meanwhile, Peace Now plans to demonstrate at the entrance to Sha'are Tikva this morning, calling for the government to freeze con-

struction in all settlements. The government has recently authorized the construction of an additional 48 units at Sha'are

Tikva," said Ya'ari adding that many of the existing units are still empty. To symbolize their call, the activists plan to place a two-ton block of ice at the entrance to the settlement.

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reestablish a basis of trust between

the parties, so they can be dealing with both the remaining issues in the interim agreement, and get on with the fundamental issues of the final-status agreement.

"So, first things first. First things are back to negotiations, deal with the substance. Let's not worry about which camp we meet at." Berger also said that the US "wishes that [Har Homa] hadn't gone forward. We think that it

erodes confidence in the process." Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday rejected the EU's demand to "freeze" the settlements and the construction work on Har Homa and told Moratinos that if the Europeans insist on these issues and their own proposals, they would lose the status of honest brokers in

the dispute. After meeting with Levy, Moratinos said he is formulating a package deal to solve the crisis. His plan, which he intends to present to the EU heads in Brussels and the Americans today, is based on harnmering out a new "code of behavior" for the resumption of talks, based on stopping terrorism and violence on the Palestinian side and halting the settlements on Israel's.

Moratinos told Levy that he met Arafat on Saturday, and the latter reiterated his commitment to fight terrorism. Moratinos expressed optimism as to the chances of reviving the peace process.

Commenting on Netanyahu's trip to Washington, Levy said he is unaware of 'any American pressures on Netanyahu in relation to this trip. The American position is known. It is [not based] on confrontation or pressure, but in a friendly, amicable and responsible

Meanwhile, Netanyahu last night was to discuss his latest initiative with King Hussein at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic, where Hussein underwent prostate surgery this weekend.

Netanyahu then flies to Washington for one day. He is to meet with Clinton and have a separate discussion with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. He will also hold a press conference.

The Israeli Embassy announced that Netanyahu will not address a Reform movement conference as scheduled, but will meet with several Reform and Conservative rabbis.

Netanyahu was expected to come under fire at the conference from a Reform movement upset by the mitial passage of a bill that would prevent Reform and Conservative conversions from being performed in

Netanyahu is also scheduled to address a Christian-Jewish group, Voices United for Israel, and will speak before the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee before heading back to Israel tonight.

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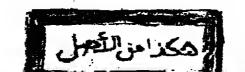
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Gisela von Sanden shows her brothers, Barons Friedrich Carl (center) and Alfred von Oppenheim, the name of their father, Baron Friedrich Carl von Oppenheim, on a memorial to Righteous Gentiles at Ynd Vashem. Von Oppenheim, a financier, was honored yesterday for his role in beloing Jews escape from Nazi Germany.

Child prostitution: Not just in other countries

The arrest last week of two men for allegedly employing a 12-year-old girl in their Tel Aviv brothel has lifted the veil on a growing scourge: child prostingion.

Once considered the domain of the Far East, child prostitutes have been found in increasing numbers over the last few years in massage patiers and parks around the country, according to a number of local authorities and people who work with youth in distress.

"One thing for sure is that last week's arrest is not an isolated incident," said Mike Naftali, head of ELEM, the Society for Youth in

Naftali said the market for prostitutes, including both males and females, has grown considerably over the last few years, as the country's population has swollen with foreign workers and new immigrants.

But it is not only foreign workers or new immigrants using child prostitutes, he said. "There has also been a growing legitimization for sex services. There are more peep shows, more massage parlors, more surppers. This [child prostitution] does not start from zero," Naftali said.

Naftali put the oumber of child prostitutes working in Tel Aviv area in the "dozens." But Chantal Damino-Holt, one of the heads of

By PENNY STARK

The Cameri Quintet has quit

Although the final show of the

fifth season of the controversial

comedy group was aired last night, there is some hope for fans. Co-pro-

ducer Arik Bernstein admitted that

the current style might change, but promises the group is not breaking

After four years, there's a gener-

al feeling that the format has dried

up, that we need something new,"

and and we're staying together."

he said. "But we make a good team

The team includes four or five

writers. Bemstein and co-producer

Ami Amir, and the show's stars:

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By JUDY SIEGEL

The number of Israelis who suf-

fer a bout of food poisoning from

salmonella increases by an aver-

age of five percent a year, but

proper food storage and hygiene can prevent this, the Health

Ministry said yesterday.

Today, the ministry is marking

World Health Day, whose theme -set by the World Health Organization - is the prevention of infectious diseases transmitted

Last year, there were 39 reported outbreaks of gastrointestinal infec-

tions and poisoning transmitted via food or water, with 1,001 people

becoming ill. In nearly two-fifths of the class, the source of salmonella was meat, chicken or eggs.

According to the ministry, the mercuse is one to changing cook-

ing and eating habits: Israelis cat

more in restaurants and buy pre-

pared food whose cooking must be

completed at home. They also use

the microwave for reheating and

cooking, but do not always let the

food reach temperatures high

Other tips: Prevent spoilage by

keeping food in closed containers

in the refrigerator or freezer. Freeze incooked meat, poultry.

and fish if they haven't been

cooked within two days of pur-

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The Hebrew press has been mourning the demise of the Cameri

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Food poisoning on the rise

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SHANI, the Israel Center Against Sexual Exploitation and Contemporary Slavery, said there are some 500 child prostitutes, 18 and under, in Tel Aviv alone.

Damino-Holt, who said SHANI is a local clearinghouse for information on the subject of sexual exploitation of children in Israel, said that one-third of the child prostitutes are 15 years or younger, and that one of every five is

The police spokesman said police do not have figures on the matter.

Unlike the Far East, where many of the child prostitutes have been sold to pimps by impoverished parents, Damino-Holt said "many of those in Israel are runaways. They are taken over on the street by 'protectors' who give them a home for a night, suck them in, and find them clients."

According to Damino-Holt, an extremely high proportion of child prostitutes were victims of child abuse or incest. Leah Gruenpeter-Gold, Israeli representative of the International Abolitionist Federation that fights child prostitution, said that international studies have shown that some 85 percent of child prostitutes were victims of sexual abuse. "They grow up thinking that the body is evil, or that there is no connection between the body and the soul," she said. "In some instances it is a way of punish-

In addition to "home-grown" child prostitutes, there is also a market in importing child

prostitutes, Gruenpeter-Gold said, Solo Lejbovitz, a Haifa resident who for years has been bringing Filipinos into the country to work, said that most of the young girls brought into the country for prostitution are from Eastern European countries, and not the Philippines.

Lejbovitz, married to a Filipino woman and the head of an organization to look after their rights, said there are some 20 massage parlors in the Haifa area that advertise in various newspapers, "It is no problem to call most of these and ask for a girl who is 14 or 15 years old," Leibovitz said.

According to Lejbovitz, between 20 and 30 percent of the women from Eastern Europe brought in as nurses, an pairs or live-in-help for the elderly "end up working in other fields, including prostitution." He said that the problem is very marginal among the Filipino workers.

Lejbovitz said that one of the reasons there has been a rise in child prostitution in Israel over the last few years is the idea that "the younger the prostitutes are, the less likely they will be infected by AIDS." Furthermore, he said, many Israelis traveling to the Far East have come in contact with child prostitutes, and want child prostitutes available here as

Researchers explore soya diet for menopausal women

By JUDY SIEGEL

Bernstein says they're hoping to crease a comedy series with characters rather than sketches. "I don't like to call it a sitcom," he said. And if Bernstein has his way, it will be shown on Channel 1. Despite the ratings gap, be prefers being on public TV to commercial

> gyneeologist at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, is seeking menopausal women who are not receiving hormonereplacement therapy (HRT) for the elinical trial.

A previous study put 145 women around age 50 on a special diet of tofu, flaxseed, soybeans, soy milk, and miso, which contain a high concentration of phytoestrogens. These are the plant equivalent of the estrogens given to menopausal women suffering from annoying symptoms, including oight sweats, headaches, tiredness, vaginal dryness, hot flushes, and "blue" moods.

HRT also significantly reduces the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis, but some studies show it increases the risk of breast cancer, thereby deterring many women.

Phytoestrogens from soya reduce the symptoms and risks of menopause - although to a lesser degree than HRT. In lab studies, estrogens from plant sources have been shown to contain the proliferation of breast cancer cells.

Since many women who wanted phytoestrogen therapy did not like the bland taste of foods containing soya, Brzezinski and his team in Hadassah's gynecology clinie are now testing a food supplement of concentrated soya in capsule form. Potential participants in the research are invited to call the

gynecology clinic at Hadassah at

(02) 6778425 or 6776321.

living in Netanya.

Hebrew, she did not deny her role in the affair. Her primary concern, she said, was that any story about her should not 'harm' her position in

Jerusalem researchers who have shown that eating a diet high in soya derivatives reduces the symptoms of menopause without increasing the risk of breast cancer are now launching a elinical trial using soya capsules instead of food products.

Dr. Amnon Brzezinski, a senior

Police step up war against road accidents קסע אכיפה תוגברת From this morning, drivers can

expect to "meet police vans every seven or 10 kilometers," in an attempt by police and the Transport Ministry to reduce road accideots. Traffic Police chief Cmdr. Bertie Ohayon told a Tel Aviv press conference yesterday.

Scores of police vehicles and unmarked cars will now patrol 700 kilometers of intercity highways in the year-long, NIS 15 million project, dubbed Project

Highways being included in the new project are those where 60% of all accidents occurred last year. The areas being monitored will

Warning symbol: Area of increased enforcement

be marked with large yellow signs. Fifty more policemen are being deployed on the roads for the duration of the project.

Drivers who speed, keep insufficient distance from the car in front of them, fail to signal or commit any other offense risk being flagged down, Ohayon said. But Project 700 is inteoded primarily as a deterreot, since police believe that erring drivers teod to drive more carefully at the sight of police cars. Police hope that the plan will reduce accidents by around 10%.

All the police vehicles will be equipped with the latest state-ofthe art electronic cameras and other devices. A helicopter will also be deployed, fitted with a long-distance camera to film offenders.

Insp.-Gen. Assaf Heferz, who was also at the press conference. said he hopes that eventually such operations can also be conducted in urban areas.

published in 1988, and yesterday's

article only revealed that she has two

children and lives in Orlando,

If "Cindy" is pressed to return to

Israel as a result of the publicity, and

moves into the villa said to belong to

her family, Kochav Yair residents

said she will be welcomed with open

"Good for her," said Kochav Yair

resident Guy Olainik. "She caught a

spy, she helped the country. She

deserves all the respect in the

"So we'd have another celebrity among us," shrugged a woman who identified herself only as Sara.

world."

Vanunu's history

Summer, 1976: Vanunu responds to a newspaper advertisement,

asses a technician's course, and is placed in the Dimona nuclear

1982: Vanunu begins to study philosophy at Ben-Gurion University in the Negev and becomes involved in leftist groups.

January 19, 1986: Vanunu leaves Israel, converts to Christianity,

Summer, 1986: Vanunn makes contact with a journalist named Geraro through whom he connects with Britain's Sunday Times.

September, 1986:-Vanunu arrives in Londoo and meets a woman

September 30, 1986: Vanunu leaves with Cindy to Rome after

October 5, 1986: The Sunday Timespublishes Israel's ouclear

November 9, 1986: A government official announces that Vanunu

November 27, 1986: Criminal charges are filed against Vanunu

who asserts, "I do not regret my actions. I acted on behalf of

August 3, 1987: The Rasal British Peace Center nominates

March 24, 1988: Vanunu is convicted of treason and espionage

January, 1996: Vanunu submits a pention to the High Court

1954: Mordechai Vanunu is born in Morocco.

1985: Vanunu is fired from the Dimona facility.

elling his story to the Sunday Times.

anunu for the Nobel Peace Prize.

compiled by Uriel Heilman

and is sentenced to 18 years in prison.

May 27, 1990: Vanunu's appeal is rejected.

demanding to be informed of Cindy's fate.

is being lawfully held in an Israeli prison.

and settles in Australia, where he works as a cab driver.

1963: Vanunu and his family make aliya.

Florida, near her childhood home.

Cindy doesn't live here anymore

Israel" that she "is on assignment

abroad for the same employer as

Intelligence expert Yossi Melman

said the inclusion of an insinuation

that she is still active in the Mossad

is "a wicked, vicious, unsubstantiat-

"Uzi Machani, who wrote the

story for 'The Sunday Times,' is a

former captain in the military intelli-

gence," said Melman, an analyst for

Ha'aretz and co-author of a book on

"He should know better....She is

the Israeli intelligence community.

not the first former intelligence mili-

tary security operative who lives

outside Israel and shows no evi-

ever. Israeli intelligence."

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

Hairdresser Guy Shiber said he wasn't surprised to learn that the notorious Mossad agent "Cindy" owns one of the large villas in his community of Kochav Yair. The towo is home to so many former and current members of the military and intelligence community, he said as he worked on a client's coiffure, that the woman who became worldfamous for her role in the capture of Mordechai Vanunu would fit right

His only hope, he said, eyeing the woman on the cover of Yediot Aharonot with rather wild-looking curly blond hair. is that our Hair Studio shop would be one of the places she'd go to first. She really

needs a haircut."
In the aftermath of a Sunday Times article published yesterday, it is likely that "Cindy" is concerned about a great deal more than her hairstyle, The British newspaper detailed her life as a real estate agent in Orlando,

The paper said that "Cindy," whose real name is Cheryl Ben-Tov, nee Hanin, aged 37, "who zips about in a red convertible and sells timeshare accommodation to aging Jewish 'snowbirds' migrating south for the winter, and lives with her husband Ofer, a former Israeli intelligence officer and two daughters, in a secluded villa close to Disney

The family owns a home in Kochav Yair, which is being rented out, it said, Vanuau revealed details of Israel's nuclear program to the Times 10 years ago.

This is the second time Ben-Tov has been the subject of unwanted publicity since Vanunu's arrest - the first newspaper reports of her identi-ty appeared in 1988 while she was

What is most likely to harm her is

the article's implication that her real dence that she is still acove." estate career is a false front. The arti-Most of the details regarding Benele antributes to "acquaintances in Toy's identity, he pointed out, were

During his stay in England, despite warnings from the newspaper to stay in the country, "Cindy," who said she was a beautician from the United States, wooed him to Rome for a romantic tryst - where Vanunu was abducted to Israel, tried for treason and sentenced to 18 years in prison.

The journalist wrote that "speak-

ing in fluent if deeply accented

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10 die in South Africa crash

NELSPRUIT, South Africa (AP) - Ten passengers were killed and five injured when their minibus taxi blew a tire, rolled several times and plunged into a 3-meter gully yesterday.

Police, who were forced to use a blowtorch to remove the bodies from the wreckage, said the dead included a 4-yearold girl.

Earthquakes shake Japan, China

HONG KONG (Reuter, AP) - A strong earthquake estimated at 5.5 on the Richter scale hit southern Japan early yesterday. The epicenter of the quake was near Japan's southern Ryukyu Islands. There were no reports of any casualties. Meanwhile, two powerful earthquakes struck Xinjiang in

northwest China yesterday, mjuring at least 14 people.
The quakes hit Jiashi County, about 3,200 kilometers (2,000) miles) west of Beijing. In January, two strong quakes hit the county in rapid succession and killed 12 people, and there have been many strong aftershocks since then.

Yemenis free German hostages

SANAA (Reuter) - Yemeni security forces yesterday secured the release of four German hostages, after firing artillery shells near their abductors' hideout, and arrested the kidnappers.

Security forces which had been besieging the kidnappers' hideout in al-Mehjezah area of Marih province in eastern Yemen fired a few artillery shells close to the rugged mountain hideout, forcing some of the kidnappers to flee.

It was the first time Yemeni security forces used military force to gain the release of hostages.

Rollerblade speed record set

BONN (Reuter) - An engineering student on rollerblades claimed a world speed record after holding onto the back of a sports car as it reached 246 km per hour. Dirk Auer, 25, wearing a crash belmet, leather motorcycle kit and four-wheel in-line skates, clung to a specially built rack on the back of a 550 horse-power Porsche as it raced around the 2,000-metre Hockenheim track.

Wind and rain prevented Auer, from Gross-Gerau near Frankfurt, from reaching his planned 300 kph.

Mobutu olive branch as talks start

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - Zaire peace negotiations got underway in earnest yesterday at a secret location somewhere in South Africa, after "organizational" delays. In an apparent hid for conciliation, Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko told a South African newspaper rebel leader Laurent Kabila was a "nationalist patriot" and urged him to make peace for the good of the

But analysts said it was difficult to see hnw the two sides could achieve a compromise that would permit a ceasefire in the six-month-old civil war,

Shuttle mission heads for early end

CAPE CANAVERAL (Reuter) - It appeared increasingly likely yesterday that Columbia's 16-day science mission would be cut short because of a troublesome shuttle power generator.

Switching off a faulty electricity generator, one of three aboard Columbia, would force the space agency to bring the shuttle home tomorrow afternoon. The shuttle can land safely on two working fuel cells and could probably limp home on one if nec-

Islamists kill 80 in Algeria

PARIS (Reuter) - Moslem rebels massacred more than 80 villagers in Algeria, slaughtering some with chainsaws and dousing others in burning petrol during the weekend, newspapers said yesterday.

In the worst attack in the five years of Algeria's violence, rebels exterminated 52 inhabitants of Thalit village in Medea province, 70 km southwest of Algiers, said El Wntan newspaper.

About 40 rebels armed with axes, daggers and swords ringed the hamlet and moved in to kill everyone there, the paper added. Liberte newspaper said 52 people in the community had their throats slit, with only

one person escaping.

In another raid, more than 40 gunmen armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles and shotguns and led by Algeria's ruthless Armed Islamic Group chief Antar

Zouabri hacked to death 15 villagers in Amroussa village in Blida province, 50 km south of Algiers.

"The assailants broke into seven houses and cut up 15 people, including seven women and three children, with a chainsaw," survivors from Amroussa said. It said some people who tried to flee were

doused with petrol and set ablaze. "My neighbor hid under a car, but was spotted. They set fire to the vehicle and he couldn't get out. He died there," the paper quoted a survivor as saying.

Another survivor said: "They killed my nephew in front of his mother, then one of them fired several times at my sister. Before they left, they set fire to the house."

Liberte said survivors loaded their

belongings into vans and left the village. In another killing, the newspaper said five

civilians had their throats cut and seven were abducted in Sidi Naamane in Tizi-Ouzou province, 90 km east of Algiers.

Moslem rebels cut the throats of four family members near the coastal town of Moretti, 40 km west of Algiers, said El Woton. Near Beni Slimane town, 90 km southeast

of Algiers, rebels erected a roadblock and killed an unspecified number of passengers of vehicles, it added.

They intercepted cars, picked up passen-gers and shot them dead at point blank

range," said El Watan. El Waten, calling the last few days a "bloody weekend," said more than 80 people have been killed in massacres and attacks on Thursday and Friday.

The weekend was one of the most deadly during the five years of Algeria's vio-

lence locking Moslem rebels against gov-

emment forces. The killings came after the Algerian army reportedly killed more than 100 Moslem rebels the previous weekend near

The army and security forces are out in Tizi-Ouzou. force carrying out search operations against
Moslem rebels across the country ahead of

Algeria's June 5 general elections.
Radical Islamists called on the country's: citizens to boycon the poll saying it would

be neither free nor fair. Algeria has been without an elected parliament since January 1992, when the authorities cancelled a general election in which Moslem fundamentalists had taken a

commanding lead. Violence erupted shortly afterwards and about 60,000 people have been killed.

Laughing at AIDS

Prostitutes in Bombay's red-light district take part in a laughter competition organized by the Indian Health Organization yesterday. The IHO is leading an AIDS awareness campaign in the city's red-light areas to educate prostitutes about prevention of and care for the disease.

India

CHANDIGARH, India (Reuter) - A crude bomb planted by saspected Kashmiri militants exploded on a bus in the northern Indian state of Punjab yesterday, killing two people and injuring

Jarnail Singh Chahal, a senior Punjab police official, said the explosion took place at the town of Pathankot, about 200 km north of Punjab state capital Chandigarh and near the state's northern border with Jamma and Kashmir state.

The Jammu and Kashmir public transport bus was at a bridge in Pathankot heading for Jamma when the device went off, he said. One person was killed on the spot and another died later in hospital.

"We suspect it to be the handiwork of some Kashmiri militant as the modus operandi bas been similar to earlier blasts at Ambala railway station and outside Jalandhar railway station," he said.

"We have sent a team of scientists and forensic experts to establish the make and potency of the bomb," Chahal added.

Pathankot is near Punjab's border with Jammu and Kashmir state and also near the international border with Pakistan,

Saudi bomb suspect admits Hizbullah ties

dissident arrested by Canada admitted to having heen a member of the Saudi branch of the Hizbullah group linked by Canadian intelligence to last June's hombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 U.S. airmen, the Toronto Star reported this

The newspaper said the

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OTTAWA (Reuter) - A Saudi Shi'ite Moslem dissident, Hani with any terrorist organiza-Abdel-Rahim Hussein Sayegh, 28, made the admission in a prison interview Friday with the Star.

Canada arrested Savegh in Ottawa last month and charged him with having been a driver involved in giving the go-ahead signal for the massive truck bomb last June 25 in eastern Saudi Arabia. It said it had reasonable grounds to helieve he was a member of Saudi Hizbullah, which it said orchestrated the bombing.

"I was with them in the past and had some disagreement with them and quit," the Star quoted Sayegh as saying of the

He again denied having participated in the bombing, but appeared to bave changed his line nn where he was on the day of June 25.

Sayegh, clean-cut and quiet-spoken, had told reporters that he bad been in

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tions.

But the Star quoted him as saying he was with his Saudi wife in the city of Qom, the main Shi'ite learning center in Iran, on the day of the hombing. He said he learned about the attack from a broadcast on Iranian television.

"I am innocent and I am not scared of anything," the Star quoted him as saying.

He said he had been scared to admit, when he arrived in Ottawa last August, that he had been to Iran since he was afraid it would affect his application to he a refugee from persecution by the Saudi government, ruled by Snnni Moslems.

"Now is the time to tell the

truth," he said. The Canadian intelligence service, in papers released last month through the Canadian federal court system, assisted that Hizhullah had an "infraself-imposed exile in Syria at structure in Canada that can the time and denied links assist and support terrorists

Jerusalem Post.

seeking a safe haven in North America

It said Hizbullah members in Canada receive and comply with direction from the leadership Hizbullah

The papers referred to a 1994 Federal Court case in which Mohammad Hussein al-Husseini admitted to heing a member of Hizbullah and to

that group operating in Canada. The US Federal Bureau of Investigation said last month it wanted to question Sayegh on the bombing, and the Star said an FB1 team was now in Canada hoping to interview

Admitting being a member of terrorist organization would normally be enough to deport Sayegh. But it was not clear whether this would be to Saudi Arahia, the United States or another destination if this were to happen.

Sayegh is due to appear before the Federal Court in Ottawa

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Iran protests Uruguay beating

TEHERAN (AP) - Iran yester- ed to kill him and blow up the ay summoned Uruguay's embassy. ambassador to protest an attack by two armed men on an official in the Iranian embassy in Montevideo.

The Foreign Ministry called for better, security around the Iranian embassy and asked Ambassador Marcial Birriel Iglesias of Uruguay to try to push ahead efforts to arrest the attackers.

The two assailants, armed with revolvers and explosives, entered the embassy Friday, beat an Iranian official and fled.

sador to Montevideo, the Uruguayan capital, was quoted as saying the masked men want-

Ali Sarmadi, Iran's ambas-

"Nobody but the Zionists could do something like this, but the Uruguayan authorities will have to confirm that," Sarmadi said.

Uruguay neighbors Argentina, which witnessed anti-Jewish bombings in 1992 and 1994. The 1992 bombing of the Israeli embassy in the capital Buenos Aires killed 29 people and injured more than 200. In 1994, a bomb exploded in a Jewish cultural center, killing more than 85 people and injuring at least 250.

Israel and the US say Iran was behind the attacks, though the Iranians deny this.

Luxembourg trainwreck claims life

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - A pas-senger and freight train collided head-on in Luxembourg yesterday, killing one person and injuring nearly 30, seven of them seriously. The passenger train, travelling at

around 120 kmh, hit the freight train about 1.5 km south of Luxembourg city station early in the morning. The driver of the passenger train was killed instantly. The injured

were rescued by firemen and taken to hospitals in Luxembourg and Esch-zur-Alzene, a police spokesman said. Two wagons of the goods train,

which was carrying butane gas and bromine among its load, were derailed but no chemicals

Sudan rebel chief defects

KHARTOUM (Reuter) - Sudan said yesterday a commander with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) had left the group and asked for peace with

the government.

The official news agency SUNA said Major Nikrona Magar Ashiek, a commander in the Lakes and Upper Nile areas in southern Sudan, defected.

Federal Rule Chamber Minister Ali al-Haj Mohammad said Ashiek's defection was "a big gain for the peace march in the country," SUNA reported.

Ashiek was a former communications minister in the SPLA. "It is important that Commander

Ashiek has joined the peace process as he was one of the leading commanders of Garang's movement and Garang's assistant military operations," Mohammad said.

SUNA quoted Ashiek as saying the SPLA was without goals. The SPLA has been fighting

since 1983 for greater autonomy or independence for the Christian and animist south from the Moslem and Arabized north.

US Moslems kick up fuss over 'disrespectful' shoe

(Newsday) - Nike wanted a logo for its Summer Hoops shoes that suggested heat, summer and burning up

But a Moslem group in New York is burning up instead, because it says the flaming up instead, because it says the flaming letters that spell "air" on the logo closely resemble the name for God in Arabic. The Islamic Center of Long Island is calling for a boycott of Nike products unless the company apologizes, recalls the

shoes and changes the design.

The shoe is the filthiest part of clothing because you step every-where," said Ghazi Khankan, interfaith communications director of the center, based in Westbury. Whether you are Moslem, Jew or Christian, to step on the name of Allah is sacrilege."

But Beaverton, Oregon-based Nike says it already has addressed the problem. The design new drawing fire from some Moslems is a modification of the original logo, which connected the letters in

script, it said.

The new, changed logo design separates the 'A' from the 'IR,' thus producing a logo that cannot be con-

WESTBURY, New York fused with any other word," the statement reads. Spokeswoman Vizhier Corpuz brae

said sample shoes with the original design raised warning flags in the company's Eastern European office, and it was immediately changed.
"We caught it in time," she said.

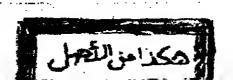
We have expressed our sensitivity to the Moslem community by not issuing a design that resembled the word 'Allah' in Arabic."

But that change is not enough, said Moslem Arshad Majid of Long Island, who called the attention an

ineffective, "small gestine." The Air Bakin', Air Melt, Air Grill and Air B-Que shoes, with the controversial logo on the heel and sole, hit stores around the US this month. Last week, the Islamic group sent Nike a petition with 1,000 signatures

demanding action by the company.

They didn't even send an apology," Khankan said. He said the community would call on the buying power of nine million Moslem Americans if necessary On a hat, it would be OK said Faroq Khan, who is on the center's board. "On a shoe, it's a sign of



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By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

t the age of cight, Barbara Schlick went to see Mozart's The Magic Finic and was immediately booked. "I just knew I had to be a singer." says the sloger, who was born in Bavaria and now resides in Cologne.

Opera, however, has never fig-ured prominently in her career. I developed in another way. Once in a while I miss it because the opera I did do I loved. I could have done more but I felt freer in the concert reperiore.

Freedom is a word which figures prominently in anything she does, artistic freedom that is.

Schlick, who has performed here several times singing mainly Bach, remnas later this week for another series of Bach concens. She has made a very conscious



Barbara Schlick: 'Everyone has to sing with their own personality.

decision to perform mainly with period instruments or with modern instrument ensembles "interested in how the music sounded. This is where I found a lot of freedom for what I can do."

Schlick, however, does not limit her repertoire to baroque. "I also do romantic music, some modern music and I did some medieval music Buil mainly sing baroque, pre-classical, classical, and early romantic music, from Monteverdi to Mendelssolin, And everything I do with period instruments.

And, above all, she enjoys singing Bach in churches.

Schlick sings regularly in all the major music centers and festivals, and her discs are selling in huge numbers across the world. "I feel a greater freedom when I record. I can repeat what I need and I can be more released in the studio." Schlick has begun to teach as

well, although, she admits, some-what reluctantly. "Singing is a lively and joyful thing, teaching music is much more exhausting. But I have something to say so maybe it's good to say it." And what does she tell her students? "I prepare the technical ground because without it you can't be expressive, and then I let the personality of the student take over. Everyone has to sing with their own personality, I always did."

Would Schlick recommend such a lifestyle to young people? "I can only say that if I would bave another life, I would do the same again." But, she says, "one life-time is not enough to do every-thing I would like. I want to paint more, and family life is not easy."

Barbara Schlick sings two Bach cantatas with the Israel Camerata Rehovot, Thursday in Rehovot, April 11 through 13 in Tel Aviv and April 15 in Jerusalem.



A Buil's screen debut

The Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman (accompanied by Stacy Yarbough) arrives for the world premiere of his first movie 'Double Team' at Chicago's McClurg Court Cinemas last week. The action-espionage thriller also stars Jean-Claude Van Damme and Mickey Rourke.

nymphet's golden years

₹ oldie Hawn is scanoing Thewspaper headlines in a low-cut, skin-tight black cat suit and thigh-high leather boots. Only the tiny pair of reading glasses perched on Hawn's nose is evidence that the veteran actress is now celebrating her fourth decade in show business. Hawn tucks away the glasses and then leans forward in her chair, as if to tell a secrei,

"I'm back," she purrs sarcastically. "I'm back and I'm bad." Indeed. The 51-year-old actress has resurfaced from a four-year dry spell to follow up the wildly successful First Wives Club with the Woody Allen musical comedy Everyone Says I Love You. The new role happily returns the comedian to her stage roots.

A dancer at the age of three, Hawn made her professional debut hoofing the cancan at the 1964 New York World's Fair.

"Dancing is the one thing I studied every day," she says. "That was my dream. It certainly wasn't to be a movic star." She also waited decades to be

able to sing again. So when Hawn belied out her audition for Everyone Says I Love You, Woody Allen looked stunned. "He went crazy. He didn't know

I could sing," she says, He came over and said, "Oh God, you really have a voice!"

Then he told her not to overdo it. "So I sang it more simply, and more talky, and I didn't hold onto notes as much. And that was good. But the other part of me was saying, 'Dammit, I finally get a chance to sing, and now I have to tone it down.

The irony isn't lost on Hawn, who's been asked to ham it up for most of her career. Hawn has nearly 30 movie credits as an actress and producer. In



Goldie Hawn: 'I'm back and I'm bad."

an industry in which nymphets don't usually age very well, Hawn is a survivor.

"There is a sense of anxiety that comes with success, It's much

more difficult to deal with than failure. I've seen it happen with my friends. They get successful and then they get the psychiatrist." Her movies have ranged from Steven Spielberg's debut 1974 drama, The Sugarland Express, to the 1980 hit comedy Privote Benjamin, to the 1990 shoot-emup Bird on a Wire, with Mel Gibson. Hawa's roles have evolved in

the last four decades from the downtown kook to the strong. sexy professional to the middleaged woman with all the answers.

There are only three ages for

women in Hollywood. Babe. District attorney. And Driving Miss Daisy." Hawn laughs at the line, then strikes a philosophical

"Look, sometimes you catch the wave and sometimes you don't." she says. "You're just surfing through life."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Empire' strikes back

By ADINA HOFFMAN

tar Wars isn't the only '70s movie currectly running a victory lap through local theaters. In January, 21 years after its release abroad, the distributors of Nagisa Oshima's acclaimed Empire of the Senses were granted permission by the Israeli Supreme Court to screen the film here, with the proviso that several small dele-

tions be made. Diehard free-speech advocates may be disappointed that the court's decisioo was not absolute; all things considered, though, the ruling marks a victory for artists and viewers alike. whose right to choose for themselves the nature of the films (and by extension, the oovels, sculpture, dance) they want to create or to coosume is protected by the ruling, which character-izes free expression as "the very

soul of democracy."
"Body and soul" might have been more accurate in this partieular case. Based on a true story, Oshima's movie is set in the 1930s in wartime Japan, and depicts in full-frontal terms the obsessive affair between a former prostitute (Eiko Matsuda) and the married owner (Tatsuya Fuji) of the inn where she's come to work as a servant. As their attachment grows more intense, the woman, who is something of a nymphomaniac, becomes reluctant to ever part with her lover and, after a long period during which the two of them garrison themselves in their bedroom, things take a turn for the sadomasochistic. The violence of their sex escalates and leads to a brutal climax: the

cuts off his genitals. In its strict attention to composition, color, pacing and feeling, Empire is certainly an "art film," although it is, too, full of rough sex so graphic it makes Deep Throat look mild (never mind Last Tango in Paris, which is kiddie fare in comparison). The movie is also unusual for the equal time it pays to examination of both the male and female anatomies and for the basically female perspective it presents.

film as either art or porn is difficult and possibly irrelevant to its appreciation. According to my Concise Oxford Dictionary. pornography is an "explicit description or exhibition of sexual

activity in literature, films, etc. intended to stimulate erotic rather than aesthetic feelings," an either/or definition that breaks down entirely when applied to a work such as Empire, one of the most sexually frank, but least

EMPIRE OF THE SENSES

Written and directed by Nagisa Oshima. Hebrew title: Imperiat hahushim. 110 minutes. Japanese dia-logue, Hebrew subtitles. (Please note: there are no English subtitles.) Children under 12 not admitted. ID will be checked. With Tatsuya Fuji, Eiko Matsuda, Aio Nakjimia, Meika Seri

arousing movies - in the convenhave ever seen. What renders the film so startling isn't the hard-core ed or the crazed behavior of the characters, but the director's coolly levelheaded attitude to both. He presents the wildest sexual and psychological adventures equally free of the sensational and the

mechanistic. At the same time, the filmmaker imbues the most ordinary acts (a woman's barefooted climb down a flight of stairs, a meal eaten with chopsticks, a walk through the driving rain) with intense sensuality and, in this polymorphous per-verse force-field, the usual categories become useless. Is the movie erotic? Is it aesthetic? It's both, in a radical way. It's also sometimes exhausting

to watch, especially toward the end, as the lovers' insatiability, well, mounts and mounts, and it becomes increasingly uncomfortable to watch them go at it. Oshima's technique is so controlled, though, this overload almost seems intentional, as if the whole movie were one long, extended dare - between the man and the woman, between the director and us - to see who will blink and look away first. Such iron-willed dramatic resolve brings the film much closer to the icily ordered, ritual brutality of Yukio Mishima's fiction than to the turn-me-on gimmicks relied on by most Occidental pornogra-

taken several decades to reach local theaters: the shock it offers, though, persists. The film is a barrowing masterpiece.

of the muse

New hope for New Amsterdam

Disney chairman Michael Eisner last week opened New York's New Amsterdam Theater, hoping it will transform the fabled neighborhood, which gained notoriety for its porn cinemas. On 42nd Street, the theater underwent a \$36 million renovation by Disney. It is "an expression of how great the city is," Eisner said. The New Amsterdam, built in 1903 and home to the Zicgfeld Follies from 1913 to 1927, opens to the public later this spring.



Michael Eisper

Bocca to hang up his slippers

Julio Bocca, star of New York's American Ballet Theater, who performed here last year, has just turned 30 and says that he will retire at 40. Meanwhile he has embarked on a parallel career as impresario, producer and actor.

Naming names



Julio Bocca

Decades after blacklisted Hollywood screenwriters were forced to hide behind pseudonyms, the Writers Guild of America has voted to correct the credits for two dozen McCarthy-era films. Among the 1940s to 1970s movies affected by last week's vote are Born Free, Hellcats of the Navy, Inherit the Wind and The Robe.

'Mr. TV' doesn't work for nothing

Channel 1's Chaim Yavin asked for \$1,000 to be interviewed on the same channel's Meni Pe'er talk show about his winning this year's Israel Prize for excellence in the media, according to Yedior Aharonor. Yavin demanded compensation for missing a Mabat broadcast, for which he receives nearly \$1,000 for every program be anchors, the paper reports. The Broadcasting Authority found no way to compensate bim, and the interview was canceled. Yavin said that "no one works Jerusalem Post Staff for nothing."

.... neither does Sophia Loren

absence of stars. "Some stars wanted more

money than a Spanish actress receives for

nizer and film director Javier Aguirre said.

an entire film production," festival orga-

Sophia Loren wanted 18 million peseras

(\$130,000), said the daily La Vanguardia,

citing anonymous sources. The festival's

entire budget was reported to be 200 mil-

The maugural Madrid Film Festival

opened this weekend with a promising

lineup of movies but an embarrassing



Haim Yavin



lion pesetas (\$1.4 million). The festival opened with a showing of Rob Reiner's Ghosts of Mississippi, the story of the 30-year-old fight to see justice done in the murder of civil rights activist Medgar Evers. Other films showing during the festival include Nic Roeg's Two Deoths, and the Argentine feature Eva Peron.

Murder most foul (in English)

Agatha Christie's whodunnit, The Mousetrop, has been running at St. Martin's Theater in London's West End for 45 years. It came bere in 1992 and played to full houses. It's coming back (with a different cast, of course) for eight shows from April 22

It's a typical Christic plot involving a young couple, an isolated mansion, a murder, a policeman, and a furious blizzard that keeps everyone, including the murderer, trapped together. If you know the ending, don't tell your friends.

Murder most foul (in Hebrew)

Tracy Letts's Killer Joe opens at the Jerusalem Khan on Saturday. Ben Levin translated and directs this psychological comedy thriller about a cash-strapped father and son (Arye Tcherner, Yoram Yosefsberg) with murder in their hearts. They hire a professional killer (Moti Katz) who agrees to accept a rather uousual advance in lieu of money.

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The Diaspora Museum on the Tel Aviv University campus is mounting an exhibition of photos taken by Peter Hunter between 1935 and 1940 called Peter Hunter: Emigrant in London. Among the celebrities featured in his pictures are G. B. Shaw (above), Mariene Dietrich, a very young John F. Kennedy, future Israel president Chaim Weizmann, and British prime minister Neville Chamberlain.

Hunter, horn Otto Salomon in Berlin in 1935, fled the Nazis with his family in 1935. The British interned Hunter as an enemy alien when war broke out, but he finished it as an army combat photographer. The exhibition opens on

Israel's answer to the Tonys

By HELEN KAYE

here'll be joy, tears and extrement on Wednesday at the second annual Israel Thester Prize awards, the evening when local theater honors its own. Joy for honors won, grief for colleagues gone and excitement as the parade leads up to the announcement of the Best Production of 1996.

· Altogether, there are 62 nominations in 16 categories including translation, a musical and most promising actor and actress. The Cameri Theater leads the pack with 21 nominations followed by Beit Lessin and Habimah with 14 and 13 respectively.

The Gesher Theater grabs the top production spot with 10 nominations for Kfar, Yehoshua Sobol's good-tempered frieze of life on a moshav in pre-state Israel, including Best Play, Best Playwright, Best Director (Yevgeny Arye) and Best Actor (Israel Demidov).

The other nominations for Best Play are also by local playwrights, Habimah's Har Lo Zaz ("Unmoving Mountain") by Gilad Evron, the Cameri's Vayomer Vayelech, director Rina Yerushalmi's biblical epic, Tikkun Batzor ("Midnight Prayer") by



Gitta Munte (left) is a nominee for best actress for the title role in the Khan Theater's 'Anna Galactia.'

Rami Danon and Amnon Levi, and Shmuel Hasfari's Shiva (Mourning), a Beit Lessin produc-

Life achievement awards will go to Oma Porat, Yossi Yadin and that great old lion, Shimon Finkel, and there'll surely be a moment to

remember the late Shmuel Segal and Cameri founder Yosef Millo. The ITP is modeled on its upmarket colleagues, the Oliviers in only commercial theater. Here, commercial theater barely exists in the accepted meaning of the term. So it's the publicly funded repertory theaters that mainly compete for the ITP prizes. They have the cash, the reputa-

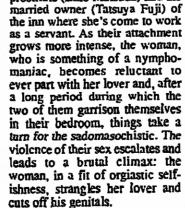
that gets them noticed. The few commercial productions that nominate themselves languish like wallflowers at a ball. Moreover, the Haifa Theater withdrew from the competition because it maintained that not enough of the Academy's 120 vot-

tion and the public-relations clout

Haifa to see the shows. This causes a problem come voting time, as the choice of Best Actor/Actress clearly proved a year

Last year's deserved Best Play winner was Hasfari's Hamer. This year it should be Yerushalmi's Vayomer Vayelech, but Kfar will probably get it with Demidov getting best actor as a prize for losing to Shuli Rand last year. Gitta Munte should get best actress for the title role in Anna Galactia, a

Khan Theater production. The ceremony will be broadcast live this Wednesday night at 8:45 London and the Tony Awards in on Channel 1 from the Noga New York, both of which cover Theater in Jaffa.



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Mid-course correction

The United States is acting like a distracted parent who, not having the patience to determine what went on in the other room, tells the warring children who come running to complain to give in to each other. This may be a good strategy for gaining some peace and quiet at home; but it is a dangerous way to pursue a lasting peace between Arabs and Israelis.

In a dry run for today's meeting between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Secretary of State Madeline Albright reportedly asked Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai on Thursday what Israel would do to further the peace process in exchange for the Palestinians combating terrorism. Presumably, Mordechai said that Israel is abiding by Oslo, and is requesting that the Palestinians do so as well. US officials reportedly found Mordecbai's response "completely unsatisfactory." In effect, Uticle Sam is saying, "Don't bother me with who started it or what the agreement says, just tell me bow I can get some peace and quiet."

The problem is that there is no symmetry between Palestinian and Israeli demands. Israel is demanding that the Palestinians fulfill Oslo's explicit requirement that "both sides shall take all necessary measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime, and hostilities directed against the other" (Oslo II, Article XV). The Palestinians are demanding something that Oslo does not address - a settlement freeze.

Quite a trick, when one thinks about it - to demand with a straight face that the other side go beyond an agreement that you are blatantly violating, and have the US come along and say, that sounds fair to us.

To this, Uncle Sam might respond, "Well, life is not always fair, and besides, you, Israel, are bigger and stronger. Sometimes you just have to give in to your little brother."

Indeed; most Israelis understand that the peace process with the Palestinians is not symmetrical; that this not a peace between two states, like France and Germany, but Israel ceding sovereignty to the Palestinians in exchange for peace. But it is one thing for the process to be asymmetrical, another for agreements thed to be only binding on one side.

This is especially true when, at every stage, Israel is giving up tangible assets in exchange for Palestinian commitments. Even if the Palestinians commitments prove worthless, Israeli territorial concessions are practically

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London to Israel, a scheduled

flight, not a charter. It being a

night flight, we asked the stewardess for two pillows. "There

aren't any," was the curt reply. The

purser was no more helpful, nor

did the word "sorry" cross their lips. Finally, one pillow was

From the bar trolley, we asked

for a small red wine. None was

available, nor white wine either.

We opted for soda water, which

was provided, but the end date for

consumption was November

1996. Ditto: all soda bottles on the

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or Ben-Gurion airport during nor-

mal office hours is also a frustrat-

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Israel's tourist authorities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLAND'S JEWS

Sir. - On March 30, you printed an article about squabhling in the

Jewish community in Poland which

has supposedly beld up returning

property to Jews in Poland. You

stated hat there are fewer than 5.000

Today, Poland's Jewish popula-

tion, by conservative standards, is

15,000, not the figure you mention, commonly quoted during the com-

munist era. There is a Jewish day

school and kindergarten in Warsaw,

youth cluhs in five cities and active

communal life in several more,

with summer and winter programs

all sponsored by the IDC and the

Tragically, the reparation hill

will not return all the properties to

the Jewish community. A fraction

of the total number of communal

properties will be returned to the

communities themselves. The sit-

The squabbling is among old

communist hold-overs: Jews who

worked in tandem with the com-

munist authorities then, and now

still hold control over Polish

Jewish institutions. (We spend half

the year working in the Jewish

community in Poland.) The squab-

bling among the old guard and the

leaders of world Jewry is not as

urgent as the need for a new school

in Warsaw. Please write the Polish

Ambassador and ask why the City

of Warsaw has not given land to

the Jewish community to break

STONING

March 26, Fatah head Marwan

Barghouti is quoted as saying "I

The gentleman should be

don't think that stones are violence."

reminded that death by stoning

was a legal method of execution

during the First and Second

WILLIAM SIMON, D.M.D.

Jewish Commonwealths.

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uation is much more complex.

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Jews in Poland today.

Initially, Oslo's burden of trust was mainly on Israel to implement staged withdrawals from territory. As these withdrawals were implemented, however, the hurden of trust shifted to the Palestinians, who were expected to end terrorism and violence.

In this, the Palestinians have failed. More and more Israelis are now arguing that if the Palestinians cannot ahide by their side of the bargain when Israel still holds many territorial cards, what will happen when this leverage disappears? Such doubts are compounded by a poll showing that support for suicide homhings among Palestinians is at an all-time high. When asked about last month's snicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed three women and wounded a 6month old baby and dozens of others, 48 percent supported the atrocity, compared to 37 percent who opposed it.

The American solution is, evidently, to impose new, extra-Oslo commitments upon Israel, in exchange for the Palestinians repledging to keep old commitments. In effect, the US and the Palestinians are saying Oslo did not go far enough: it should have prevented Israel from building in Jerusalem, or any area "under dis-

The idea of a mid-course correction to Oslo should not be dismissed. Netanyahu's constructive proposal to accelerate final-status talks over six months, with a Camp David-style summit to wrap it up at the end, is also in the nature of a mid-course correction. What the US and the Palestinians should realize, bowever, is that the trade must be correction for correction, not correction for old husiness.

If Oslo is to be corrected by adding a settlement freeze, then Israel must be allowed a correction of its own, such as canceling the next two interim withdrawals. The effect of such a package deal would be to remove the two greatest sources of potential explosions in the peace process. Both are a sources of extreme tension because, under Oslo, Israel may define its actions unilaterally. Even if the Palestinians worked to limit Israel's latitude without violating Oslo, these are intrinsically the most confidence-sapping areas within the peace process.

By correcting Oslo in such a manner, each side would lose the chance to improve its negotiating position by creating "facts on the ground" prior to the completion of final-status talks, but neither would compromise its position in those talks. Both sides would gain by improving the chances that final-status talks would not be derailed before they were even begun in

ing around it.

REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOR

moh of 200 people "dressed in

haredi garb," ransacked the huild-

ing of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lod,

totally destroyed the meeting hall

and made a bonfire of the litera-

ture and Bibles, singing and danc-

In her letter to The Jerusalem Post

of March 27, Anna Rubin defended

this action, saying that not the

attackers but the attacked ones were

guilty because they engaged in mis-

sionary work. I am not a friend of

Jehovah's Witnesses, hut since when is wrecking a place of worship

and burning books the legitimate

answer to someone else's ideology

In a recent letter, someone point-

desecrate the Shabbat by throwing

stones or setting fire to garbage

bins, as had happened in Jerusalem.

If this is so, let the police, who

were "unable or unwilling to arrest

any of the perpetrators," awake in

time and bring such assailants to justice. We hear of similar mis-

deeds of fanatic mobs in Moslem

countries. As a survivor of the

Holocaust who was in Berlin when

the synagogues were set alight, I do

not think we ought to encourage

Kol hakavod to Haim Shapiro

who wrote the reports (March 13

HÈINRICH ISRAEL POLLACK

and 16) and to The Jerusalem Post

CREDIBILITY

Sir. - Dr. Robert Rockway of Tel

such behavior in Israel.

who published them.

Jerusalem.

of which one disapproves?

Sir, - One Saturday in March, a

Lions' den

YEDIDYA ATLAS

Prime Minister Netanyahu sits down with A President Clinton today, be should remember that he is not sitting with a buddy. He bas walked into a lions' den, and he is to be the main course.

The Clinton administration has professed deep commitment to Israel's security and to the peace process, but its behavior indicates otherwise. In the last month alone, American "political pragmatism" has glaringly been the guise under which the administration imple-

Watch out, Mr. Prime Minister: Israel Is to be the US's sacrificial lamb

ments a unilateral Mideast policy in which Israel figures as the sacrificial lamb.

Official American policy accepts the Oslo accords as the hasis for Israeli-Palestinian relations, and it is the hasis for the administration's own policies in

the region. Oslo does not preclude Israel's building new neighborhoods in Jerusalem, or expanding Jewish communities (aka "settlements") in Judea and Samaria; in contrast. explicit clauses of the accords hold the Palestinian Anthority to fighting terrorism, disarming private terrorist militias, extraditing terrorist murderers to Israel, and amending the PLO Covenant. These Yasser Arafat ignores.

Nonetheless, Clinton actively disregards even major Palestinian violations, while expressing his dismay over, for example, Israel's building in Har Homa.

Clinton's opposition to Har Homa flies in the face of a critical fact: US law now recognizes all of municipal Jerusalem as the capital

As US Senators Joseph Lieberman (Democrat-Connecticut) and Jon Kyl (Republican-Arizona) wrote earlier this month to the New York Times: "The Jerusalem Embassy Act... became law on November 8, 1995. It states that 'It is the policy of the United States that Jerusalem should remain an undivided city... recognized as the capital of the State of Israel."

Clinton signed the hill into law himself. Yet his policy henavior implies an adoption of Arafat's position that Jerusalem is occupied territory, and Har Homa an illegal aettlement. This was evidenced by the president's warm welcome of Arafat to the White House last month, while showing his displeasure over Israel's decision to huild on Har Homa.

THE way the administration behaved over Arafat's "green light" to Hamas and Islamic Jihad terror is even more instructive.

Although Israel repeatedly gave the US clear evidence of this, the administration declined to intervene. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns even challenged Israeli veracity at a press briefing on March 18: "We have not seen any evidence that Chairman Arafat has given a green light to anybody to incite violence... I know there have been some statements by Israeli leaders... that there's been a green light given. We don't believe it to be true."

After the murderous attack in Tel Aviv, an embarrassed Clinton administration fine-tuned its position. The State Department apologized, citing a "misunderstand-

But the White House apparently still fears that Congress will demand enforcement of the law forbidding contacts with entities involved in terror activities. How Dry Bones THE SOUTHERN



ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST

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ing over the 'Green Line,' which

This is all the more remarkable

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ing in these areas, tens of thou-

This is the first time an

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own citizens, choosing to contin-ue, as Congressman Peter Deutsch

includes most of Jerusalem).

sands are American citizens.

IF THE JEWS WILL JUST STOP TRYING TO BUILD HOMES IN JERUSALEM., 00PS!

(Democrat-Florida) noted last else can one explain Clinton's week, its "tacit and implicit supignoring even official declarations port of Chairman Arafat." hy the Fatah Supreme Council Congressman Michael Forbes after the recent meeting in Beit (Republican-New York) put it Sahur? These openly threatened even more hluntly, hlaming the violence against Jews living in "the settlements" (a Palestinian administration for appearing to be

[its] resolve to fight terrorism, particularly this kind of violence that clearly can be traced to [Arafat]." Netanyahu should bear all this in mind as he sits down to chat

"not as strong [as it should be] in

with a smiling President Clinton.

The writer comments on Middle East geopolitical affairs.

Foolish step for a university

There was much to be disturbed about last week when a group of foreign students invited journalist Barry Chamish to the Hehrew University to deliver a well-publicized lecture on the "conspiracy theory" behind the Rabin assassi-

Chamish argues that it was not Yigal Amir who assassinated that the concept includes the right Rahin but the General Security to spread heinous lies; and that prevent advanced information Service, and that Rabin's driver Menahem Damti and security man Yoram Rubin (who was wounded during the shooting) were in on the plot.

Chamish, who pooh-poohs both Amir's confession and the findings of the Shamgar Commission, seems to be driven by much the same emotion that drives Holocaust deniers: hatred of the victims, and an unconfessed sympathy with the motives of those who really perpetrated the crime, and with the act itself.

What first disturbed one about the affair was the fact that the university authorities were willing to defend the lecture under the rubric of "academic freedom" and "freedom of speech," when the views of men like Chamish have as much to do with academic pursuits as those expressed by a mental patient who claims to be **SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF**

Napoleon. The only academic aspect here is the psychological one, looking into the mental condition of those who seek to deny well-recorded monstrous events.

It also was no case of "freedom of speech," unless we determine

Dictatorships, by contrast. thrive on disinformation, unfounded theories, and deliberate distortions of reality, and democracies must do everything in their power to defend them selves against these things.

Perhaps little can be done to

When it condones a speaker who spreads helnous distortions in the name of 'free speech,' something is very wrong

this is something democracies can tolerate, irrespective of the social damage and personal anguish it may cause.

It is just this issue that needs to be addressed in any examination of the contribution advanced information technologies like Internet can make to democracy.

While clearly no democracy can function without a well-informed public, one of the dangers inherent in these technologies is that they can be used to spread disinformation of all kinds, as well as totally unfounded theories, like the one Chamish propagates.

technologies being exploited by the enemies of democracy. Nonetheless, one has the right to expect institutions like the Hebrew University to be on their guard and prevent their premises being used to spread any kind of

lie or distortion. Also disturbing is the fact that no right-wing students took part in the demonstration to stop this abominable event.

Why? Wasn't the mainstream Right as horrified by the assassination of Rahin as the Left? Hasn't it admitted that there are some "wild weeds" on its extreme

Isn't upholding the truth about

the assassination a worthy enough cause in the eyes of future rightwing leaders? Is it only Jewish rights vis-a-vis Arabs' and the murder of Jews by Arabs that warrants protest?

FINALLY, there was something very disturbing about the fact that foreign students, most of them Jewish students from abroad studying at Hebrew University for a year, should have decided that Chamish was a worthwhile guest speaker.

I have had occasion to speak to groups of foreign students, and have found them intelligent and eager to learn. They are, however, also vulnerable, since they do not always have the tools to distinguish between truth and lies, between legitimate views and fanaticism, between what is essential, and what is trivial or peripheral.

I suspect that there are elements who try to turn this vulnerability to their advantage. The university authorities should find out whether the mvitation issued to Chamish was the result of such manipulation.

The writer is a political scientist.

tence as a state, we have used the

threat of external and existential

threat to wallpaper over the cracks

The internal fences that divide us

Then I checked my E-mail messages yesterday, I found one from a neighed out that "real" haredim did not bor forwarding an article she had downloaded from another list. It was about a lecture which was to have taken place at the Hebrew University last week. Left-wing students and faculty

demonstrated violently against the presence of journalist Barry Chamish, who had planned to lecture on a "conspiracy" behind the assassination of Yitzhak Rahin. The writer of the article, who

had gone to hear the lecture. claimed in it that she feared for her safety, even her life. Prior to forwarding it, my neigh-

bor commented cynically that this was just the kind of behavior that might be expected from the "socalled liberals" I mix with. Implication: It is about time the "liberals" stopped criticizing the right wing and the religious for being so anti-democratic and coercive, and started practicing what they preach.

With a foot firmly planted in a number of different worlds, let me try and compare the types of message and levels of tolerance I hear respectively from the religious world of the synagogues, yeshivot hesder and religious schools which I sometimes attend and in which my children and neighbors study, and those of the universities and Tel Aviv cafes in which my professional and research contacts take place, and to which I am becoming increasingly attached at the expense of the former.

DAVID NEWMAN

Each world displays an equal amount of intolerance for the other, each perceives the other as a threat to the existence of its own culture, social norms and ways of

broader debate and more questions than does the hlack-andwhite world of the nationalist right; but it does not necessarily

or "medieval" (the religious right). As Israel's first 50 years draw to a close, post-Zionists of the secular left_are locked in a struggle with neo-Zionists of the national religious camp over promoting their own, singleminded versions of ideological hegemony over state and society.

Our political parties have become increasingly segregated

If we don't dismantle them, our society

of internal heterogeneity. It is, paradoxically, simpler to live with the discourse of conflict and existential threat. We are always united in face of war, terrorist outrage, or act of violence perpetrated against the state. The removal of the conflict

oses a new and difficult agenda. Many reject conflict resolution (call it a peace process if you will) because they do not know how to create an identity outside the discourse of "antisemitism" and "the whole world hates us."

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Many of us are unable - of unwilling - to raise problematic issues like bow the state should function on behalf of all of its citizens, Jewish and Arab, Zionist, non-Zionist and even anti-Zionist, secular and Orthodox...

In an effort to become just that hit more tolerant, to become a listening as well as a talking society, we need to dismantle many of those internal ideological fences. This means a single educational. system, and the end of ideological army units, and it is the real challenge facing the state today.

For without some new modus vivendi of "live and let live," one in which no one group attempts to impose its own ideological hegemony, we will can ourselves up from within quite efficiently without any help from outside.

The writer is professor of political geography and director of the

time to build up, but can be lost ground for a new school on land quite quickly. JENNIFER AND ALLEN SANK that was once owned by Jews. J. BOOKSTEIN AND R.S.

Jerusalem.

CREDIBILITY

Sir, - In a public address several weeks ago, the prime minister declared that Israel does not negotiate the closure of Palestinian Authority offices in Jerusalem; it simply shuts them down.

Since then, not one such office has been obliged to close. Doesn't loss of credibility worry

Mr. Netanyahu at all? BEN SHUA

Terusalem.

Sir, - According to your report of

Aviv (Letters, March 31) regrets the lack of Prime Minister Netanyahu's credibility. He points to the record of broken promises" as the cause of the general lack of trust. I cannot agree with Dr. Rockway.

feel that Prime Minister Netanyahu has kept too many promises and that this is what landed Israel once again in the international doghouse, and what is about to destroy this country's diplomanc achievements of the last 20 years.

DR. BERTHOLD WYLER

Jerusalem.

True, the liberal left allows for

will be in deep, deep trouble follow that it is any more tolerant. Israel's society has become increasingly heterogeneous and segregated. Each of its constituent groups believes that it and it only has the answers to political and

social problems.

The national melting pot, an idea created in the 1950s by secular, strongly Zionist groups which conceived of themselves in much the same way as the national-religious perceive themselves today - namely as the ideological flag-bearers of Zionist Israel to the exclusion of all other beliefs - is finally showing itself for the myth it is.

ORTHODOX and secular don't understand the first thing about each other's beliefs. Each selfrighteously describes the other as "lacking values" (the secular left)

along ethnic and religious lines. Our school systems remain separate, and our army units are becoming increasingly ideological We have created internal fences

and boundaries separating us from

each other. The division starts at

age five and, in some cases, doesn't finish till we are six feet under. And we raise our eyes to the heavens in surprise that - what?! we cannot talk to each other, don't understand each other's values, and have, in short, created two, or even three, separate societies in one small country.

Ignorant of other sub-Israeli and Jewish cultures and unable to talk in their language, we display our intolerance by refusing even to attempt meaningful dialogue. It's far easier to be dismissive.

During our half-century of exis-

Must a Juror's Mind Be Empty to Be Open?

Fat Cat Spat

Look Who's Carping Most About Capitalism

By DAVID E. SANGER

leaving the world to the ruthless efficiency of the market not only made fat cats fatter and the impoverished poorer, but it also undercut human dignity and skewed

world like Cuba and North Korea, the ideology of the market economy reigns supreme. Political leaders vying for investments from overseas cut their budget deficits and privatize industry to satisfy the most feared figure on the international scene: the bond-rater from Standard & Poor's, whose thumbs-down in the global coliseum signals the world's biggest investors to take their billions elsewhere.

Now the inevitable backlash to market-worship is anyone thought, or that they could spin out of control,



prominent members of the monied classes and their conservative allies are questioning whether markets have become too unfettered. The only hitch is that they can't agree oo the nature of problem, to say nothing of

latest meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland — which views Itself as the world-class assemblage of the free-market elite - was devoted to ways of ameliorating the worst consequences of economic competitiveness. George Soros, the man who broke the British pound and assembled a \$2.5 billion fortune, seized the cover of The Atlantic Monthly recently with a rambling account titled "The Capitalist

The "uninhibited pursuit" of laissez-faire ideology, a perplexed-sounding Mr. Soros reported, results in a loss of equilibrium. Education and other features of civilized society that doo't promise a quick return on investment get short shrift, and oations become "preoccupied with their competitiveness and unwilling to make

Asian Nemesis

With Cold War over, U.S. finds a new enemy: China.

By Stephen Erlanger

Eye of the Beholder

The Bible lists the sins. Society isn't so sure. Religion is the referee.

By Gustav Niebuhr

First Moralist

Bill Clinton proclaims himself chief of the national vice police.

By R.W. Apple Jr.



By LAURA MANSNERUS

S jury selection in the Oklahoma City bombing case began in Denver last week, some unsolicited advice about the process of finding good jurors came from Philadelphia. In an old training videotape for young prosecutors, a man who is now runoling for district attorney urged his charges to avoid blacks from poor oeighborhoods, and he had this additional tip: "You don't want smart people."

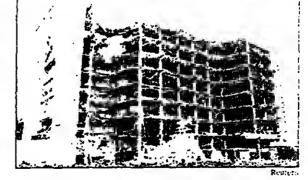
Many Americans suspected as much. Some people wonder whether the nation's sales reps and bus drivers, however competent and sensible, are up to the task of deciding complex cases. Others aren't that generous. "The entire American legal system is upside down," the comedian Dennis Miller said a few years We have people's lives being determined by 12 people in a room whose main goal in life is 10 wrap it up and get home in time to watch reruns."

Even people who find beauty in the justice wrought by ordinary citizens acknowledge that recent highprofile cases have been a public relations disaster for the jory system. "What's worth pondering is this boomerang effect of democracy," said Jeffrey Abramson, a professor at Brandeis University and author of "We, the Jury" (Basic Books, 1994). "The more we see of ourselves on the jury, the more we doubt ourselves."

So it's a sour public that watches while the Federal District Court in Denver looks for the dozen people among hundreds who can best weigh the evidence against Timothy J. McVeigh, the man charged with the bombing that killed 168 people in Oklahoma City two years ago. Acknowledging the absurdity of looking for anyone who hasn't heard of Mr. McVeigh, the judge and the lawyers are simply probing to find out who has been exposed to the most prejudicial flashes of publicity - asking prospective jurors, for example, whether they saw the bleeding children at the scene, or the defendant in his prison-Issue orange jumpsuit.

If there's a principle at work here, it's not that Ignorance is good; it's that partiality is bad. But sometimes it seems to amount to the same thing. If the best the system can do is use knowledge as a crude proxy for prejudice, doesn't ignorance then become a

crude proxy for impartiality? "I'm of two minds about this," Said Mr. Abramson. 'f love that we go to such epic lengths for impartial



Never saw this building? You could be a juror.

In the Oklahoma City bombing trial, the defendant is well known. So, the goal is to find a jury untainted by what else it knows.

jurors. But reserving one cheer, I think we've gone too far in this notion that the only open mind is an empty

"Too far" is sometimes an understatement. When the jury was selected for the 1989 trial of Oliver North, a search went out for 12 people who knew nothing about Ollver North, which produced, well, 12 people who knew nothing about Oliver North. One person who qualified for service said she had seen him on television, but added, "It was just like I was focusing on the Three Stooges or something." Another woman, who was asked what she knew about Mr. North, replied, "I don't know, something about overseas."

And even in the vast tide of cases that present no problem with publicity, pretrial or otherwise, lawyers are looking for malleable winds. Naturally, that also screens out informed and articulate people.

It is common wisdom that prosecutors, seeking conservative and conformist jurors, try to weed out analytical types. Jack McMahon, the would-be District Attorney in Philadelphia, put it more directly in his 1986 videotape, now infamous for its warnings against poor blacks as well as smart people. "Smart people will analyze the hell out of your case," he said. "They have a higher standard. They take those words 'reasonable doubt' and they actually try to think about them. You don't want those people."

'I'm not surprised that that's what they train them to do," said Thomas Nolan, a criminal defense lawyer in Palo Alto, Calif. "Prosecutors, many of them, say to the jury, 'So the evidence wasn't that strong, but use your common sense."

Defense lawyers are not above using the same tactics. "In a case that's heavy on scientific, forensic evidence, the defense is going to favor people who are less sophisticated about scientific matters and who are prone to conspiracy theories," Mr. Abramson said.

"That's the classic defense approach." But even before the lawyers can toss them out, people with responsible jobs are constantly escaping jury service. While Judge Richard P. Matsch, who is overseeing the Oklahoma City case, is turning out to be an exception, experts say most judges commonly excuse people with anything at all to do.

Donald Vinson, a jury consultant based in Los Angeles, said the supply of available jurors is typically "pathetic." While surveys of jurors show that their education levels are a bit higher than the national average, and while many states have eliminated juryservice exemptions based on occupation, Mr. Vinson says he sees evidence of neither: "I've heard judges say: 'This is going to take 10 days. If any of you have anything pressing or important, I'd be willing to excuse you. Anybody have a dentist appointment?"

Complaints of low-energy, low-watt juries are nothing new. In "Roughing It," Mark Twain griped 125 years ago about the jury selection for a murder case in which anybody who had read the newspaper was disqualified. "The system rigidly excludes meo of

Judge Jerome Frank, one of the century's most

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I wasn't long ago that the most astringent critiques of capitalism came from the left. Armed Zapatista guerrillas in the Mexican jungles and the fastlisappearing Socialists of Japan complained that

They lost the argument. Save for odd corners of the

well under way. But to really hear the excesses of capitalism denounced, listen to some of the world's confirmed capitalists. Perhaps fearful that the side effects of economic globalization are more severe than



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The World

Searching for an Enemy and Finding China

By STEVEN ERLANGER

WASHINGTON SOVIET analyst, Georgi Arbatov, once warned that Mikhail Gorbachev was going to do something unforgiveable to the United States: take laway its enemy.

But Mr. Arbatov underestimated American ingenuity. In the last few mooths, a number of members of Congress, leading and following the opinion magazines and the think-tank symposia, have been working to inveot a new enemy. Chioa. Sparked by unconfirmed suspicions that the Chinese sought to meddle io the American political campaign, enough confusion and domestic politics now swirl around the topic of Beijing to make even a Cold Warrior's head spin.

The argument is that the United States could be cooperating in its displacement from Asia by helping China grow in wealth and military potential. This is a variant on the Leninist notion that the capitalists will sell the revolutionaries the rope to hang them. It also builds on the recurrent American fear of an Asian power rising up to challenge American dominance in the Pacific, a role played first by fascist Japan, then by Communist China, then by an economically booming Japan, and now, again, perhaps, by China.

But does that reflect the real relationship between China and the United States? A number of powerful thinkers in Washington say it does not. They say the fears presume a hostile relationship largely because they overestimate Beijing's capacities while hardly looking at all at Chioa's weaknesses and poverty.

This is not to say that China is not a nasty place. Political dissent has been quashed there and democratic activists are jailed on flimsy grounds; the leaders are a narrow group of autocrats who use power ham-handedly and hand out multi-million business cootracts to Boeing or Airbus for political gain; state-owned businesses only obey copyright agreements when threatened; the military is backward but ambitious and sells missiles to countries like Iran that Washington doesn't much like.

Behaving Badly

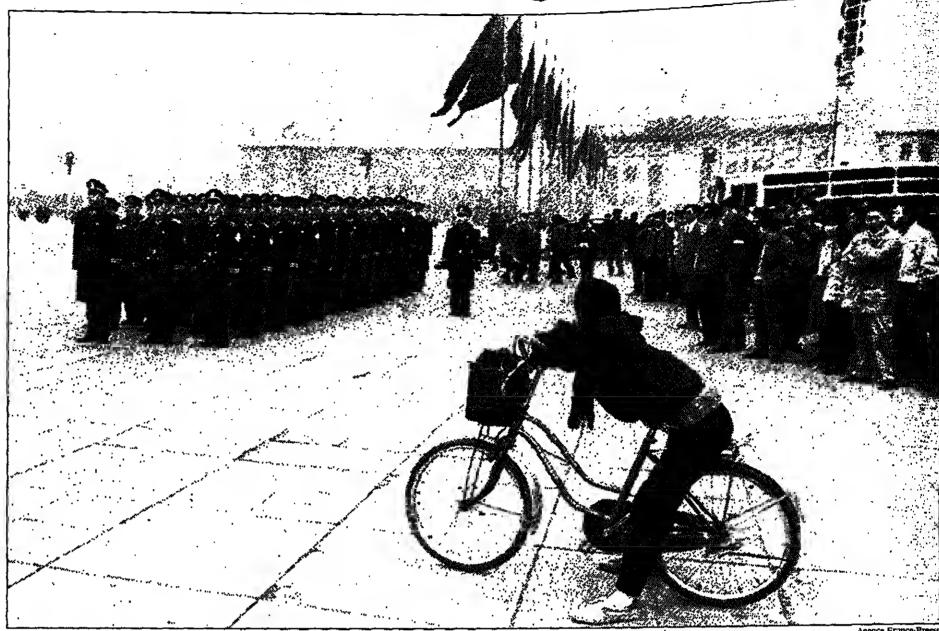
And it is not to say that China's growing influence, both economic and military, will not create problems for America and Asia. An aggressively oationalist China oursing past humiliations is going to be a major power in the next century no matter what Washington does.

But even those who are pessimistic about China understand that it is not a great power now, and that some of its nastiness stems from the anxieties of a narrowly based central leadership with decaying political legitimacy.

And there is a big difference between acknowledging that the Chinese Government behaves badly and believing that it represents a clear and present danger. Put another way, there is a difference between having falth that the United States will be strong enough to rein in China's ambitions and influence its behavior for some time to come, and fearing that China is already so implacable that America can only confront and contain it.

Despite Chinese denials - and the obvious fact that other countries, from Israel to France to Taiwan itself, do their best to influence American politics with money and esplonage - the scandal has belped convince many Americans that China is an enemy.

But Winston Lord, who recently left office as Assistant Secretary of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, warns against such an approach. "It's inevitable and healthy to have a debate on China and its future," he says. "But



Charges of meddling in U.S. politics have made China seem threatening. In Feburary, the police assembled at a meeting of a Government advisory body in Beijing.

there is a tendency to exaggerate China's threat and demonize it, almost out of nostalgia for the Soviet Union. We shouldn't assume China's hostility in the next century, which could be self-fulfilling and wrong, any more than we should assume China will be benign. We have to be firm, tough, seek cooperation and keep our powder dry, while shoring up alliances."

Zblgniew Brzezinski, a former Carter Administration National Security Adviser and no softie on Communism, says something similar: "Our fashion is to have the enemy of the year. China is big, it's large on the map, it's yellow, so there is an under-the-surface racist element, and it fits very nicely an obsessive state of mind. I imagine it will last a couple of years, because China is big enough to sustain this obsession."

At the same time, senior American officials say, China's rush toward development has created severe tensions for a post-Deng leadership that could just as easily spin China into rival provincial fiefs as create an

aggressive superpower.

Robert B. Zoellick, who was an Under Secretary of State for James Baker, says capitalism has improved living conditions for hundreds of millions of people, while undermining the legitimacy of their leaders.

Freedom and Tension

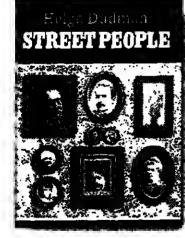
"The Chinese enjoy more freedom, choice and opportunity to learn about the world than they did when the United States re-established ties" 25 years ago, he said. He then lists the "momentous tensions" China's nervous leaders are trying to manage: between Beijing and the provinces; the mainland and Hong Kong and Taiwan; private and state-owned enterprises; urban and rural populations; and decayed political legitimacy and an increasingly pluralistic public. America needs a strategy, he argues, "that matches a China that will be in a condition of flux for decades, not just years." But the

current cootroversy, senior American officials freely admit, is putting a freeze on any important initiative in relations, making a vote for permanent favorable trade status for Beijing impossible this year. It is also threatening to postpone China's entry into the World Trade Organization, which the West wants.

One result of the fight is that the Clinton Administration, after fumbling through its own contradictions on how to handle China, human rights and trade, is now. having to defend dealing politely with China at all. Its. case was not helped by Vice President Al Gore's painful. awkwardness in his public sessions with Chinese leaders, his failure to speak forcefully about human rights and his refusal to visit Hong Kong, as House Speaker Newt Gingrich cheerfully did.

But just as cheerfully, Mr. Gingrich acknowledged to The Wall Street Journal that China has changed. If some Republicans are searching for an enemy, he added, "Idon't think China is that eoemy.'

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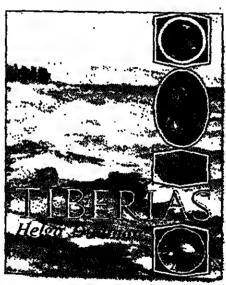
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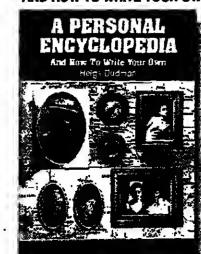
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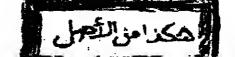


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The Nation

Divining the Sins of the Sinner

By GUSTAV NIEBUHR

HE last few weeks have been less than harmonious as organized religion again grappled with how the faithful should behave in a time of shifting values. Sometimes the definition of

what constitutes sin changes with society.
Last Thesday, the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.) announced that its regional bodies,
or presbyteries, had voted to change its constitution in order to bar practicing homosexuals from ordination as clergy members. elders and deacons. Opponents have prom-

ised to werk to repeal the amendment.

Earlier in the week, a small group of Orthodox rabbis declared that the Reform and Conservative movements were "not Judaism?' They urged Jews to stay away from those synagogues, saying, among other things, that the rabbis violated Jewish law by allowing people to drive on the Sabbath Reform, Conservative and some Orthodox leaders denounced the move.

Both these incidents followed on the heels of smaller controversies. Last month a Baptist church in Berryville, Ark., closed its day care center, the only one in town, reportedly concerned that the service encouraged women to work when God wanted them at home. In January, an Orthodox rabbinic board in Queens ruled that women's prayer groups violated Jewish tradition because they allowed women to read the Torah publicly. Orthodox Jewish feminists objected.

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The details of these events are different and the issues complicated, but they all share a common theme: religious authorities trying to address fundamental questions of what violates basic boundaries - or what, to be blunt; may not please God.

in periods of social calm, answers may be easier to come by, at least within individual groups. But in a time of historic cultural change, attempts to define what lies out of bounds (beyond the obvious, like murder, theft and lying under oath) can lead to bitter controversy and division.

"What religious communities typically have done," said Larry L. Rasmussen, professor of social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, "is offer a fixed. universe of meaning in a world that doesn't add up on its own." But in times of societal stress, he added, "all the moral questions and doctrinal questions come up anew."

Disagreement over what constitutes sin (whether personal or social) can tear a

Religious authorities are addressing fundamental questions of what, to be blunt, may not please God.

religious group asunder. In 1861, the Presbyterians, unable to decide whether slavery violated divine law, split into Northern and Southern churches. Although the victory of Union armies in 1865 rendered the question moot, the effects of the rupture so lingered that the churches did not reunite until 1983.

Some opposents of the Presbyterians' Amendment B, which bars ordination of practicing homosexuals, have expressed satisfaction in warning that it could force open questions that congregants would consider long closed. Although the amendment is directed against sexual activity outside marriage, it concludes by stating: "Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained."

The potential problem is that the church's confessional statements, written over hundreds of years, call many things sin, including usury, gluttony and women performing

baptisms. Were the injunction against usury to be enforced, Amendment B's opponents say, the denomination might have to bar bankers from serving as church elders.

In the 1970's, some Protestants found themselves caught up in a debate over whether a divorce should disqualify a person from being a clergy member. Those who held that it should could muster Scriptural references to support their argument. In the Gospel of Matthew (19:9), for example, Jesus says that "whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth aduliery."

But as the nation's divorce rate rose, and its effects were felt inside churches, some denominations softened their stands. In 1973, for example, the Episcopal Church changed its canons governing divorce and remarriage in the church; prior to that, in some dioceses, a priest whose marriage failed was expected to resign.

James Hudnul-Beulmer, academic dean and associate professor of religion and culture at Columbia Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian institution in Decatur, Ga., said the new standards on divorced clergy members followed from the experience of church authorities. "They knew so many good people who nevertheless had broken marriages," he said. "Through that compassion, some allowance began to be made for the divorced persons."

Change or Contract

All but the most separatist religious organizations must interact with the surrounding culture, critiquing and challenging it, and also finding ways to adapt. Religious authorities may wind up in the vanguard of change or at its rear.

How one responds to the larger culture from a religious standpoint depends on what one sees religion's role in society to be.

Rabbi Daniel H. Freelander, who as director of programs for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations oversees educational work and other activities for Reform synagogues, boiled it down to two opposing ques-



Would Adam and Eve get counseling today? Societal shifts force religions to adapt.

tions: "To what degree are we going to see religion as a bastion of stability in a world of change? Or to what degree are we going to see religion as a responsible agent of

Professor Hudnut-Beulmer said he thought a positive spin could be placed on the controversies that inevitably occur within religious groups fmm the clash of these two perspectives.

"It would be a very moribund church indeed that didn't get into these debates," he said, "because it would mean religion had so contracted to a private sphere that nothing the culture did could affect it, and nothing it did could affect the culture."

After the Shouting

A Minimal-Impact Minimum Wage

By PETER T. KILBORN

WASHINGTON P close, the thunder of last year's eoate over the minimum seemed as portentous as the shots fired on Fort Sumter.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy called an increase in the \$4.25 minimum hourly wage "the overarching issue of our time and the election." The Republican House Majority Leader, Richard K. Armey, a former pro-fessor of economics, said, "Study after study demonstrates" that hikes in the minimum wage shut out the needlest job seekers. He vowed to fight an increase "with every fiber of my being." And Republican Senator Hank Brown of Colorado warned that the resulting jobless teen-agers would trigger "a crime problem and a juvenile problem of epic proportions."

The increase kicked in Oct. 1. Now, six months later, the Government's employment report suggests that the fulminations were mostly hot air. Last month's 5.2 percent unemployment rate was the lowest in five months. The new wage is a boon to some working poor. But the wage increase has had little effect elsewhere.

A Hill of Beans

Jared Bernstein, a labor economist at the Economic Policy Institute, which has union support, said, "Despite the vehemence of the debate, a minimum wage increase is throwing a pretty small pebble in a very large pool." Mark Wilson of the conservative Heritage Foundation agreed, "The economics of the minimum wage doesn't matter a hill of beans to anybody."

Looking for re-election last year, Congress and the White House ordered the first increase in the wage in six years. That upped the standard by 50 cents an hour to \$4.75 last October with another 40-cent rise

to \$5.15 this July For a full-time worker who earned the old \$4.25, that means a raise of \$1,800 a year and an incoming exceeding \$10,000 for the first time People earning up to \$5.15 an hour account for around 10 million of the nation's

129 million workers Most people's pay, however, is rising by a barely perceptible clip, suggesting that the increase in the minimum wage has little ripple effect. Last month they averaged \$12.15 an hour, 24 cents more than in September and 47 cents more than a year ago.

As for looming unemployment, finding a job has rarely been easier. Since September, a robustly growing economy has pulled nearly two million more people into jobs, including 124,000 more of those dreaded

None of this surprises most economists, who say that the law of supply and demand still works, that employers will hire fewer workers when the minimum wage rises a lot as it has sometimes in the past. But most say this latest relatively small increase in a very low minimum wage has a minimal impact on jobs or the economy. At most, a higher minimum might discourage employers from hiring an additional 200,000 workers while they raise the pay of many more.

So why the big debate? One reason was business as usual: Congress responds to pressure groups like labor unions, which favor higher wages, and groups like fast-



Cleaning up: Raising the minimum wage doesn't seem to have hurt the economy.

food chains, which hire most minimumwage workers and want to hold down wages. This time a political skirmish became a brawl over ideological fundamentalism.

Having won control of both houses for the first time in four decades, Republicans wanted to take a symbolic whack at Government intervention in the economy. They tackled the orthodoxy that says all wages plunge without a minimum wage.

In setting a minimum wage, Mr. Wilson of the Heritage Foundation explained, government intrudes upon the freedom of employers and workers to negotiate the terms of a job. "Slowly but surely," he said, "they're taking away your liberty to mutually make employment decisions. I dare say that's socialism. It's government paternalism at

Battle of the Economists

To lend credibility to their ideology, both sides drew on distinguished economists. Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich seized upon the work of two Princeton professors, Alan Krueger and David Card.

Both economists had looked at employment in fast-food shops in New Jersey and Pennsylvania before and after New Jersey raised its minimum wage above Pennsylvania's. Employment in Pennsylvania didn't change, they found, and it even grew slightly in the New Jersey shops. Mr. Reich used their study to show that an

increase would not lose Jobs. Mr. Kennedy, sensing a popular issue, began pushing a wage rise to the top of the Democrats' election-year agenda.

Meanwhile Richard Berman, executive secretary of the Employment Policies fostitute, a research group financed in part by the National Restaurant Association, sent payroll data from some of the same restaurants to two other distinguished economists, William Wascher of the Federal Reserve and David B. Neumark of Michigan State University. They came to the opposite conclusion, discerning a slight decline in jobs at the New Jersey restaurants.

For all four economists the operable word was "slight." But in political debate such distinctions became mountains and the economists themselves became targets of partisan ridicule.

"We tried to be cautious" in reporting the analysis of Mr. Berman's data, Mr. Neumark said. "Our conclusion was: this had to be looked at more." Lobbyists, though, blew their findings out of proportion, he said. "It

was obnoxious." Mr. Card said, "I've sort of had it. I've sort of decided I'm not working on the minimum wage any more."

Look Who's Carping About Capitalism.

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advocate the bar-the-door approach to free trade that other billionaires - Ross Pemt or Sir James Goldsmith, for example have urged. But he takes the view that governments have to reclaim their power from the markets.

The new critics have their conservative cheerleaders, though some of those bring a different agenda. There is William Bennett, the conservative's minder of values, who worries less about disequilibrium than about the erosion of national decorum.

Hollywood's production line of sex and violence has been Mr. Bennett's easiest target, but now the debate has moved on to regulating the Internet - and made odd bedfellows. In defending the Communications Decency Act before the Supreme Court last month, the Clinton Administration found itself allied with the Christian Coalitioo and Senator Jesse Helms io support of the regulatory state. And it was fighting not only the American Civil Libernes Union but the United States Chamber of Commerce: which warned in a friend-ofthe-court brief that the United States would put itself at a competitive disadvantage if it began regulating the ultimate expression of global free enterprise.

Echoes From the Past

None of these arguments is new; there are echoes of Tory conservative thought and the Progessive Era tame-the-oligarchs movement in all of them. What's surprising is that many of the new concerns come imm the oligarchs themselves, who see that globalization is causing instability that could unmake the market revolution. And some come from conservatives whose rallying call in the 80's - shrink the government and save the markets - has turned into gospel. Even Bill Clinton says the era of big govern-

ment is over. But victory left the victors divided. Libertarians persist in defending the untrammeled markets. Patrick J. Buchanan and Ross Perot struck a different chord with arguments that economic integration, starting with the North American Free Trade Agreement, impoverishes working Americans and impinges on American sovereignty by letting "faceless foreign judges" review American laws challenged by our trading partners. Meanwhile, those who worry about income inequality, job insecurity and pornography on the Net talk about getting the Government to intervene.

The same divisions, and odd alliances, can be found wherever politicians, labor unions and business executives believe they have lost their ability to control market forces. Not surprisingly, political leaders find it hard to give up the power that comes from running, and interfering with, a national economy.

In Europe, it is no longer just labor leaders who argue that global competition threatens the Continent's social safety net. Now the chief executives of some of Europe's biggest industrial enterprises are voicing nervousness about the European Monetary Union, the world's most ambitious attempt to erase national boundaries. In Germany, some industrialists are protesting the strict budget-cutting requirements that are part of the deal for countries

that want to enter the monetary union. They talk about inflation and unemployment, but their real fear is that Europe's common currency, the Euro, will prove far more unstable than the German mark - meaning that Germany will be dragged down by lesser economies.

Then there are the South Koreans, who waxed enthusiastic about the wonders of global competitiveness in the 70's and 80's, as American companies moved production there. Now the same forces that brought suburban manses and sports cars to the industrial tangle of Seoul are moving to China and India, scared off by wages that shot up during the democracy movement. When South Korean companies rammed a bill through the Parliament that would allow them to move operations out of the country just as the Americans were doing, the protests grew so ugly that President Kim Young Sam had to go on televisioo to apologize. The law is being amended.

"What we're seeing in the backlash overseas is a reaction to the American style of quick downsizing to become instantly more competitive," said Clyde Prestowitz, who heads the Economic Strategy Institute here. "For decades executives in Europe and Japan have been inculcated with the thought that they have a responsibility to maintain employment and social stability, and now they find this in direct contradiction to the global imperative."

So how much of this backlash is warranted, and how much is driven by the torrent of globaloney about economic integration? The answer is a little of both. Paul Krugman, the M.I.T. economist, says the importance of global markets is overstated because "pontificating about globalization is an easy way to get attention" at conferences like Davos. And politicians, of course, have good reason to throw up their hands and blame mysterious global forces for their national economic woes. France springs to mind.

But it is also clear that globalization's effects have been understated by many economists because they are maddeningly bard to measure. Laura D'Andrea Tyson, President Clinton's chief economic adviser until a few months ago, agrees with estimates that 20 to 25 percent of the growth in wage inequality in America comes from the global market, in which even a complex job can be done balf a world away - say, having software written by an Indian engineer. Such nervousness could explain why Vice President Al Gore, backpedaling on the wonders of globalization, has fallen silent about the need to extend free trade agreements.

No One to Make the Rules

Ultimately, taming the excesses of a global free market is going to be next to impossible because no one can agree on who should do the taming. Who would mandate a minimum wage and create a Social Security system for the world? Who would tell india that it can't build car factories because there are already too many sport utility vehicles polluting the world? Who would rule that Washington should be allowed to regulate what children can see on the Internet, but that China should not be allowed to regulate what dissidents can say on it? These are the "disequilibriums" dividing fans of capitalism around the world. They areo't going to get any easier.

The Nation

Crime Doesn't Pay. Special Prosecutors Do.

By STEPHEN LABATON

HE capital's money machine is once again cranking out big bucks to pay for the prosecutors, investigators and defense lawyers of the nation's freshest scandal: the fund-raising practices of the Clinton White House and the Demo-

With Congressional hearings on the issue beginning later this year, committees in the House and Senate have made plans to spend a total of at least \$8 million, and perhaps as much as three times that amount.

The Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be spending millions more, as will the vast array of witnesses and targets of the sprawling in-

The Democratic National Committee, for instance, has spent \$650,000 on an internal review and plans to spend another \$4 million this year on lawyers for itself and its current and former senior officers.

Whether the investigators bag big game or come up empty-handed, one thing is clear; the costs will catapult the campaign fund-raising inquiries into the all-time top tier of Congressional investigations. No investigation has generated such a large budget so quickly.

History's Big Ones

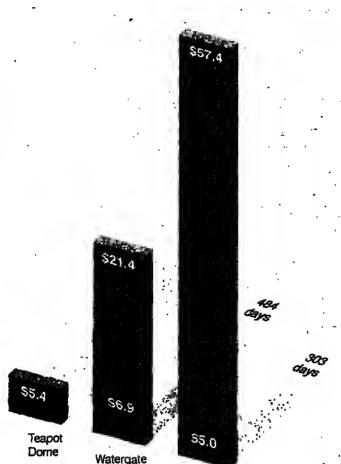
The numbers do have some impressive precedents, even by Washington standards.

A half-century ago, the special counsel in the Teapot Dome scandal spent the equivalent of almost \$5.4 million in 1996 dollars, according to the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, and the budgets of Congressional committees and special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra inquiry exceeded \$62 million (also in current dol-

The Watergate special prosecutor and the Congressional committee that riveted the nation as it uncovered the abuses of the Nixon Administration spent more than \$28 million - about the amount spent so far hy the Congressional committees and independent counsel that have investigated Whitewater and related matters. (These include the inquiries into the firing of the White House travel office staff and the improper handling of F.B.I. files; they do not include expenditures by a variety of regulatory agencies that have examined the Clintons' husiness dealings.)

All told, four independent counsels have been appointed to investigate the Clinton Administration, and as of September, they had spent more than \$38 million examining the White House and three former Cabinet

'Costs are not monumentally greater than they have been in the past," said Suzanne



Sources: Government Accounting Office, Congressional Research Service

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Garment, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and the author of "Scandal: The Culture of Mistrust in American Politics" (Times Books, 1991) a dissection of major and minor scandals and investiga-

Nonetheless, the Democrats, like the Republicans before them, have used the issue of costs to raise objections to inquiries that may embarrass or wound them.

President Bush cited the financial burden of the Iran-Contra investigation as one of his reasons for granting his Christmas Eve pardons to former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and others in 1992.

President Clinton and his supporters have repeatedly complained that the costs of the Whitewater inquirles have been unjustified and that many aides have been harassed and have incurred burdensome legal hills.

In both cases, critics have replied that the inquiries were expensive in large part because the Administration had stonewalled and falled to provide timely, relevant and accurate information to the investigators.

As in past cases, the emerging investigations have become a Full Employment Act for the local bar association. The bulk of the money will be going to lawyers and investigators working for the Government, as well as those who have been retained by officials and fund-raisers who have come under scru-

Lawyers and Airplanes

Budget experts estimate that about 70 percent of money will go to the salarles of lawyers, investigators, paralegals and secre-

Most of the rest of the money is for the normal operating costs of the investigators reot, telephone, electricity — but experts also say they expect significant amounts will be spent on travel, particularly to Asia.

On the defense side, some of those under

investigation have had to scramble for representation.

The total cost of special White House investigations.

in millions of 1996 dollars, and their duration. Costs

Of the four Clinton Administration investigations,

only that of Ron Brown has been completed.

for independent counsels were through September 30, 1996.

After some dehate, the firm of Williams & Connolly declined to represent the Riadys, the prominent Indonesian family and longtime political patrons of Mr. Clinton who are now at the center of the inquiries. The family, which controls a \$12 hillion empire, had sought to be represented by one of the firm's litigators, Brendan Sullivan, who made his reputation during the Iran-contra scandal when he represented Oliver North.

But his partners believed that representing the Riadys would pose a potentially enormous conflict: since the firm represents President Clinton, it could find Itself in the awkward position of representing one client who was benefiting from the largess of another client.

(From a financial standpoint, the Riady family is a more attractive client. The Clintons owe their lawyers more than \$2.5 million, most of it to Williams & Connolly. The firm is unlikely to see full payment before the Clintons leave the White House.)

In the end, it is rarely possible to figure out whether the money that finances such investigations is well spent until they are over. Some experts, including Ms. Garment, say that no matter what the results, the money is a good investment to the extent that it resolves issues of importance to the nation's political system.

But that is certainly not the view the Clinton Administration is taking.

When the Whitewater Independent Counsel. Kenneth W. Starr, announced in February that he was going to step aside to take an academic position at Pepperdine University In California, one adviser to Mr. Clinton said that his friends were thinking of ordering a batch of T-shirts.

"My independent counsel cost \$30 million," the shirt was going to read, "and all he got was a deanship in Malibu."

Bill Clinton, Moralist

The President as Vice President



By R. W. APPLE Jr.

WASHINGTON OT for many a day has a President tried as hard as Bill Clinton to save Americans from their bad habits, like smoking and drinking, no matter how much zeal other Americans have brought to crusades against this vice or that. Calvinism, it is true, lay at the center of life in the early years of the Republic. "It is

not quite accidental," observed the British historian D. W. Brogan, "that the first great American novel deals with the public, legal punishment of adultery, and The Scarlet Letter has been more read than its lesson has been digested."

But after the Civil War, organized religion became a less propulsive force in American politics. The exception was the Prohibitionist movement during and just after World War I; its success stemmed in part from religious fervor but also from the anti-German (and thus anti-beer) feelings of the day. At no point in this century have Presidents

appointed themselves chiefs of the vice police. Most have found it politically expedient, if not personally uplifting, to attend church on Sunday and hold the occasional prayer breakfast. But that is not the same thing as seeking to make the nation more virtuous by dint of legislation, which most politicians have avoided since the unhappy experience of Prohibition.

Prohibition and Hypocrisy

After the ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment in 1919, outlawing alcohol, hypocrisy reigned in the White House and on Capitol Hill. Harding drank as much as he gambled. Hoover took refuge in platitudes, calling Prohibition "a great social and ecocomic experiment, noble in nature and farreaching in purpose." And FDR, on whose watch the amendment was finally repealed, was a diligent consumer of the sundown martini (two, if Mrs. R wasn't watching).

Now comes Mr. Clinton, a President with a surprising and very different approach. Consider how much he has taken on just in the

last year or so: Immediately after his re-election, he denounced as "simply irresponsible" the liquor industry's decision to resume broadcast advertising after a voluntary ban of half a century. By doing so, the President said, the industry would expose children to temptation "before they know how to handle alcohol." When that produced no results, he asked the Federal Communications Commission last



Today's crusades, targeting the young, evoke the earlier fight for Prohibition.

week to look into the matter.

. Mr. Clinton's new anti-alcohol crusade parallels his fight against tobacco. Last August, surrounded in the White House Rose Garden by children wearing T-shirts reading "Tobacco-Free Kids," he announced that the Government now considers nicotine an addictive drug, subject to regulation. Last month, he announced rules requiring ID checks of buyers under the age of 27.

In addition, the President has sought to give the Government a role in regulating pornography - on television, through the Vchip, and on the Internet, through the omnibus Telecommunications Reform Act, signed in February 1996 - despite the protests of a dwindling band of liberals who accuse him of trampling Constitutional guarantees of free

And after California and Arizona voters last November approved local hallot initiatives declaring marijuana legal if used for medical purposes, the Administration threatened doctors with sanctions if they prescribed the drug for patients. That, too, brought protests, with prominent physicians arguing that the Government was intruding into the sacred doctor-patient relationship.

For all his popularity at the polls, Mr. Clinton is not viewed by the electorate as a moral beacon. In opinion surveys during last year's Presidential campaign, his Republican rival. Boh Dole, consistently won higher marks for personal rectitude. Mr. Clinton has been accused of womanizing and of shady business practices. But his personal history, as well as today's political climate,

offers clues to his new stance. Mr. Clinton is the son of an alcoholic, and he has a brother who has used drugs, so he knows the havoc that addiction can wreak on people and their families. In addition, he is a doting father, cognizant of the vulnerability of children, and he is married to a woman who has focused on children's causes.

It is the focus on children that makes political crusading against sin acceptable, at least for the moment, because the well-being of the young in a world increasingly full of dangers is as big a preoccupation of Democrats as of Republicans, as much a concern in small towns as in hig cities, as high on the agendas of the secular as on those of the religious elements in society.

A Low-Cost War

From the viewpoint of politicians with activist leanings but a tight budget, like Mr. Clinton and many of his closest advisers, cracking down on smoking and alcohol abuse, attacking the pornographers and merchants of violence and seeking with full fanfare to head off any move to legalize marijuana have obvious appeal. Issuing governmental regula-tions and pounding on the bully pulpit don't cost much, at least at the beginning.

Nor is the President's party likely to lose much campaign money. As the South has become more Republican, tobacco money has tended to flow disproportionately to Republicans - by almost a five-to-one ratio in

So far, furthermore, Mr. Clinton has refrained from launching a campaign against gambling, the vice of choice of his late mother, who loved the ponies. The powerful gam-bling lobby gives heavily to politicians. In taking on the distilled-spirits companies, he has made no moves against the beer and wine industries, which advertise copiously on television and mount big lobbying efforts in Washington. Noting that beer is the first choice of kids who drink, Karolyn Nunalee of Mothers Against Drunk Driving observed caustically, "Basically, alcohol is alcohol."

The question is how far public support will enable this Presidential assault on vice to go. The manners and morals of a people can never be molded by legislation or governmental decree; if what government does harmonizes with public sentiment, if it is seen to address genuine evils, the law will be upheld. If not, it will be ignored or, worse, laughed at, as happened not only with Prohihition but also with attempts to keep books like Ulysses and plays like those of Eugene O'Neill from a supposedly tender public.

I Think. Therefore I Am Not A Juror

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influential legal scholars, was fiercely contemptuous of juries. And in a 1963 report, Erwin Griswold, then the dean of Harvard Law School, wrote, 'Why should anyone think that 12 persons brought in from the street, selected in various ways for their lack of general ability, should have any special capacity for deciding controversies?"

Sure, ordinary people have ren-dered thousands of reasonable verdicts, sometimes showing extraordinary judgment, since "Ronghing It" But litigation is not what it used to be. It is much more complex.

These days lawyers drill themselves for months on DNA analysis and laboratory procedures, chemical manufacturing processes and air-craft engineering, foreign banking statutes and securities transactions. Then they hire experts who have devoted years to these narrow channels of inquiry

In other words it's possible that if there is a problem with juries, it's not that jurors have gotten any dumber, but that the questions have gotten harder. Maybe.

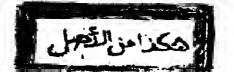
Clueless in California

In his 1994 book "The Jury" (Times Books), Stephen J. Adler tells of an antitrust case involving the computer industry that stalled after three weeks of jury deliberations. The judge, questioning the jurors, asked one, "What is software?"

The answer: "That's the paper software."

Asked to define "interface," the juror said: "Well, if you take a blivet, turn it off one thing and drop a down. it's an interface change, right?

The judge asked a second jurar, "What about barriers to entry?" -- to which she answered. "I would have to read about it." The judge declared a mismal



ECONOMY

Joseph Jett: Scoundrel or Scapegoat

By SAUL HANSELL

HERE is an oversized desk calendar, used by many of his fellow employees, detailing transactions that are now described as fraudulen. And there is a taped telephone call in which a boss proposed to "windw dress" the company's balance sheet. And there is an auditors' report that raised no alarm.

In a case that has produced a mountain of evidence, these are only fragmens. Still, they are enough to give hope to Joseph Jett, a parlah on Wall Street.

Month after month, the former superstar bond trader at Kidder, Peabody & Company has tediously sorted through 429 boxes of documents, computer records and tapes, trying to refue accusations that he engineered an astounding \$339 million m phony profits.

Now Mr. Jett's tenacious threeyear struggle is nearing an end. With an administrative law judge's ruling expected in the next few months, Mr. Jett will be certified as either one of Wall Street's great scoundrels or one

of its most vilified scapegoats. As he awaits the ruling, Mr. Jett and his lawyers offer up the scribblings of his former colleagues as confirmation that Kidder officials knew all about his trading strategies.

Considering the intensity of his public shaming when he was dismissed in April 1994, Mr. Jett has

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been able to mount a remarkably vigorous defense. Just before Christmas, a securities arbitration panel awarded him \$1 million of his Kidder bonuses after ruling that the firm was unable to prove he engaged in "fraud, breach of duty and unjust

The arhitration hearing and a trial last summer on the S.E.C. accusations have produced a mass of intriguing documents and sworn testimooy, while subsequent Interviews have filled in some gaps. At the least, the evidence adds up to an extraordinary chronicle of negligence by Kidder officials who were supposed to supervise Mr. Jett but missed one opportunity after another to halt his trading. Instead, they happily allowed his trading and generously rewarded it. Dozens of people were aware of a central component of his strategy, but no one, either out of ignorance or worse, objected to it as being hased on an outright fiction.

After an internal investigation, a humiliated Kidder and G.E. acknowledged intolerable lapses of supervision. But whether Kidder officials countenanced Mr. Jett's activities, explicitly or tacitly, remains an issue - one that may only be settled when a judge decides whether to fine him \$20 million and expel him for life from the securities industry, as the S.E.C. has requested.

Until then, questions persist: Can Mr. Jett be guilty of fraud if he hid oothing, falsified no records and was

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sight? Did Mr. Jett know full well that his trades were nothing more than make-believe? Or did he naïvely believe that the profits his computer reported had to be real? Kidder and the S.E.C. say Mr. Jett, through manipulative trading prac-

subject to several levels of over-

tices and by lying to management. concealed a computer accounting glitch that allowed him to report unearned profits. So Illogical was Mr. Jett's trading, the S.E.C. maintains, that there is "no conceivable explaoation other than fraud." Yet some former Kidder employ-

ees furnish another explanation that a relatively inexperienced Mr. Jett, now 39, truly believed the profit figures that flashed on his computer terminal. When Mr. Jett arrived at Kidder In 1991, he hadly needed to succeed. He had already been laid off from one Wall Street firm and dismissed from another, after abandoning a first career in chemical engi-

Not the best start for someone with an M.B.A. from Harvard and an engineering degree from M.I.T. Now he needed to draw on a reservoir of selfreliance and discipline.

Despite his previous missteps on Wall Street, Mr. Jett was an attractive prospect for Kidder. As an engineer, he would be adept at quantitative trading techniques, and G.E. was pressing Kidder managers to bring more members of minoritles into senior positions.

Mr. Jett's new boss, Edward Cerullo, had a reputation for being steely and ambitious. Fortunately for Mr. Jett, his boss took risks, both with moriey and with people. He had nurtured some outstanding young traders, making the fixed-income department a powerhouse that accounted for nearly all of Kidder's profits. G.E. liked the money Mr. Cerullo's department was earning, but worried that it was too dependent on the volatile mortgage bond market. Kidder needed to develop other lines of business.

To Mr. Cerullo, former colleagues say, an Instinctive solution was to find the next hot talent. "Ed was absolutely a believer in Superman traders," a former trader at Kidder said. "Just because no one else could make money in a certain market doesn't mean that a Superman could-

At first, Mr. Cérullo assigned Mr. Jett to the sleepy zero-coupon bond desk, under the wing of Melvin Mullin, a former college math teacher and the chief of Kidder's Government bond business. He taught Mr. Jett how to scan the market to buy bonds cheap and sell them dear, using a Mullin-designed computer system known as the Government Trader. One trick was to sometimes squeeze profits from the minor price differences between zero-coupon bonds and regular Government bonds.

Mr. Mullin's computer system was constantly searching for moneymaking possibilities in stripping or recoostituting bonds.

During Mr. Jett's first five months on the job, he made only \$417,000 for the firm, far less than the relatively modest goal of \$1 million a month that Mr. Mullin had set for him. In October 1991, Kidder gave Mr. Jett his first bonus - a paltry \$5,000. The message was unmistakable: shape up or get out.

In short order, Mr. Jett's profits started to escalate. In the first 10 months of 1992, be reported trading profits of \$28 million. Mr. Jett was awarded a bonus of \$2 million.

At the time, Mr. Mullin now explains, Mr. Jett's turoaround seemed to make sense. Mr. Jett was a hard worker, he said, who often arrived at the office earlier and stayed later than his co-workers.

As Kidder oow calculates it. \$17 million of Mr. Jett's \$28 million in apparent profit was not from legitimate trades but solely from a glitch in the way its computer system processed the stripping and reconstituting of bonds.

With the flickering, touch-sensitive computer screens, Mr. Mullin's Government Trader system appeared to be at the vanguard of Wall Street's high-technology revolution. In reality, it was a sillcon veneer over a patchwork of archaic computer systems based on software written before Neil Armstrong walked on the

moon in 1969

The computer systems didn't take well to Wall Street's new, more complex inventions, and that goes a long way toward explaining how the accounting on Mr. Jett's trades went awry. Although Kidder had long been working on a new system, it never finished the job.

From March 1993 through the end of the year, Mr. Jett earned no less than \$10 million a month for the company. And when Mr. Mullin moved on to another assignment, Mr. Jett took his place supervising all government bond trading. By the end of 1993, Mr. Jett was made a managing director of Kidder, Peabody, named its "man of the year" and awarded \$9 million in bonuses on \$150 million in reported trading prof-

Among those raising concerns were some people on the repurchase desk, which was responsible for helping Mr. Jett assemble all the zerocoupon bonds he needed to carry out reconstitutions, often borrowing them from other firms. But the repurchase desk could hardly keep up with the pace set by Mr. Jett. Handicapped by Kidder's ancient computers, it resorted to using a heavy red appointment calendar to keep track.

Mr. Jett now cites the appointment book as evidence that he did not hide his trading strategy. Notations were made for thousands of strips and reconstitution trades to be settled weeks and months into the future, even though, as much of Wall Street knew, the Fed didn't engage in such forward trades. By at least one Kidder executive's account, as many as 100 people referred to the appointment book or were otherwise involved in the forward reconstitu-

James Rizzi, a trader on the repurchase desk who was in charge of strips, raised an alarm in 1993 with David Bernstein, an accountant who functioned as chief of staff to Mr. Cerullo. But Mr. Rizzi sald he was waved off.

"Since we were not settling any money, my coocern was that they were paper trades," Mr. Rizzi testifled at the S.E.C,'s fraud trial, Mr. Bernstein, according to Mr. Rizzi's testimony, responded that "he was sure these were not just paper transactions."

Mr. Cerullo also said he, too, periodically made queries about Mr. Jett's trading, but not because he worried about fraud. Any rapid iocrease in profits, Mr. Cerullo testified, was a warning of too much risktaking. At one point, Mr. Cerullo dispatched Mr. Finer, the risk manager, to check into one area of possible risk whether Mr. Jett was betting too heavily on interest rates.

According to Mr. Finer's testimony, Mr. Jett told him the profits were from three roughly equal sources: trading with customers, stripping and reconstituting bonds, and trading to exploit discrepancies between the prices of bonds and bond futures. Mr. Finer never verified the num-

"It wasn't my position to be satisfled or not" with Mr. Jett's answers, Mr. Finer testified. "I was asked to pose the questions. I posed the guestions."

Mr. Jett cites another exchange as taclt authorization for his trading approach and the way profits were being credited to him.

In May 1993, he had a series of short meetings on the trading floor with Mr. Bernstein and Charles Fiumefreddo, a top accountant in the fixed-income division. The accountants, taking notice of Mr. Jett's forward trades, oeeded Mr. Jett's help in identifying them because such trades were supposed to be excluded from the firm's balance sheet.

When asked, Mr. Jett said most of hls forward trades were reconstitutions with the Fed. Although Mr. Bernstein said he was unaware that such transactions were a fiction, he did ask what would turn out to be the right question: Did Mr. Jett get credit for a profit he hadn't earned the moment he entered a forward reconstitution?

Mr. Jett said he acknowledged an unearned profit on forward reconstitutions butargued that it was oothing more than advance credit for earnings on other transactions that were

part of his broader strategy. Mr. Bernstein's account is differ-



ent. He recalls that Mr. Jett said a more and more a massive juggling reconstitution did oot automatically create a profit.

Yet shortly after Mr. Jett was dismissed Mr. Bernstein's comments were more in line with Mr. Jett's version. According to notes taken by lawyers hired by Kidder to investigate the scandal, Mr. Bernstein sald of the profits, "We didn't view it as false, just accelerated." Mr. Bernstem says the quotation out of context.

As Mr. Jett describes it, the accounting executives ultimately fussed only about the oeed to account for the cost of financing the transactions. Still, no change was made in how profits were tallied because Kidder's accounting system couldn't accommodate one.

After spending 400 hours reviewing Mr. Jett's zero-coupon desk in August and September 1993, Kidder's internal auditors did not do any better at detecting problems. They unquestioningly recorded that much of Mr. Jett's trading was in reconstitutions and that 20 to 40 percent of his desk's trading was on a forward

By the autumn of 1993, G.E. had begun to look with dismay at the size of Kidder's portfolio of bonds. Worried about risks, G.E. ordered Kidder to cut back on its holdings, and it gave the firm three weeks to meet its target. Mr. Jett was told to reduce his combined bond holdings from \$22 billion to \$16 hillion. Because of an accounting change, Mr. Jett's forward reconstitution trades now stuck out strikingly.

If Mr. Jett had reduced his position in forward reconstitutions, he would have incurred a loss. He instead resorted to a complex series of forward trades that simultaneously pre-served his profits and complied with Kidder's new balance-sheet restric-

Mr. Jett and Kidder are now oddly in agreement that his new approach consisted entirely of paper trades, with the sole purpose of manipulating Kidder's financial statements. "We no longer had a profit motive," Mr. Jett said. "The trades became act."

Mr. Jett says he was ordered by Kidder to engage in the trading to deceive G.E. The S.E.C. contends that Mr. Jett desperately sought to keep a fraudulent scheme from being detected by Kidder management. The evidence on the issue is ambigu-

Mr. Jett describes the last three /ears as "a neilish ordeai" in which be was "lynched on the froot page."

G.E. blamed him for a \$350 million charge to earnings. Mr. Lynch, in concluding his formal investigation for Kidder, accused Mr. Jett of deliberately manipulating Kidder's systems. He was grilled dozens of times by Federal prosecutors, though criminal charges have not been filed. The S.E.C. filed its fraud complaint in January 1996.

"I have not been able to work in my chosen field," Mr. Jett said. "The hardest part of the last three years was realizing I was alone. The people who were in a position to speak the truth were not going to come forward."

Last year, Mr. Cerullo settled the S.E.C. charge of failing to supervise Mr. Jett; Mr. Cerullo paid a \$50,000 fine and was suspended from the securities industry for a year. Kidder paid him \$9 million in deferred compensation and severance, Mr. Mullin settled for \$25,000 and suspension for three months. Mr. Bernstein, who was never accused of any wrongdoing, was reassigned by Kidder when Mr. Jett was dismissed and is now a consultant.

Even wheo Mr. Jett's trading earned him lavish bonuses, his life style did not always reflect it. After his dismissal from Kidder, with practically all his savings frozen in a Kidder account, he lived nomadically, staying with friends.

With the arbitration panel's award of \$1 million in bonus money, Mr. Jett's situation has improved considerably. He has rented an apartment in the East Village and intends to start a private investment fund. He is also writing a book and hopes to sell his story to Hollywood.

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To the Editor:

I am someone Naomi Wolf ("Pro-

Choice and Pro-Life," Op-Ed, April

3) would classify as having one of the

On an issue of such importance,

however, I believe rigidity - or, per-

haps more correctly, firmness of

Women's ability to control their

own reproduction, including by abor-

tion, is essential for full participation

Having and raising a child can be a

wonderful experience if the child is

wanted. If it is not, it can destroy a

woman's life, her health, dreams and

principle - is what's called for.

"rigid views" on abortion.

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Kids Deserve Total Frankness on Drugs

To the Editor:

in society.

Teen-agers recognize adult hypocrisy even when we are hlinded to it hy our own self-interest, as Frank Rich (column, April 3) points out about ABC News's feel-good antidrug campaign. And so teen-agers engage in the behavior they see being modeled by adults and ignore the cascade of meaningless words.

Our children see that we have perpetrated a hig lie about drugs. We tell them that all drugs are equally bad and that any use is the first step onto a slippery slope from which there is

We persist in repeating this untruth, even though so many of today's parents used marijuana in the past; even though a significant number still sneak out of the house to get high; even though kids can see that a . drink with friends does not lead to alcoholism.

If teen-agers can see that we have lied to them about social drinking and marijuana, why should they believe us about the real dangers of cocaine. heroin and prescription drugs?

It is time to rethink the antidrug effort and the way we parents talk to

David Frum's April 2 Op-Ed article

points out what's wrong with the

health insurance system. But his rec-

ommendation - to allow insurance

companies to call the tune on health

care - will only create more misery

and chaos, "Basic coverage" will be

just that: all the illnesses we never

catch will be covered; those we do

catch will not be covered because

they cost money and raise premiums.

Industrialized nations in having left

our health insurance system to the

insurance companies for so long that

the problems are now out of control.

When will we realize that the private

bealth insurance market and health

care are fundamentally incompati-

Faith and Carburetors

Well la-di-da about the study indi-

cating that many scientists believe in

God (news article, April 3), because

what really affects society more is

I have a 1983 Ford station wagon

with 122,000 miles on it, and I know

that when t take my car from Man-

hattan to the shop in Long Island City

and say to my guy, "Lou, look at the

transmission," chances are the mo-

rality built on the foundation of his

faith and its teachings of account-

ability will keep him from messing

with the engine. So what if I drive my

car to the synagogue and Lou drives

Yes, it's nice when mathemati-

cians find God in their calculus, but

I'll take a mechanic who sees God in

my carburetor. SHLOMO GEWIRTZ

New York, April 3, 1997

the faith of car mechanics.

To the Editor:

South Orange, N.J., April 2, 1997

KEVIN TWINE

We are alone among the major

Health Care Folly

To the Editor:

drinking, smoking, swallowing and injecting different drugs. My husband and I are as forthcoming as we can be with our 11-year-old. For the sake of his daughter, I hope the President is as straightforward with Chelsea. One has to wonder; does be tell her that he

our children about the varying risks of

Thus, abortion is not, as Ms. Wolf

maintains, "a necessary evil." There

is nothing at all "evil" about it for

the simple reason that abortion is

necessary for women to have control

over their lives. The fetus as poten-

tial buman being should never take

priority over the life of the existing

To Ms. Wolf's criticism that pro-

cholcers have ignored the "bunger for

a moral framework," I maintain that

upholding abortion on demand and

without apology is profoundly moral

because it puis women first. t agree

there are two "rigid" sides in this

human being, the woman.

MARIAN BASS did not inhale? Princeton, N.J., April 3, 1997

New Jersey Drivers

To the Editor:

Cheers for covering a most hazardous facet of New Jersey life, although the subject of crazy, aggressive and intimidating New Jersey drivers should get front-page coverage (Our Towns, March 30).

Considering the number of pedestrians and automobile drivers and passengers maimed and killed every year on New Jersey's roads and highways, "gun controi" should be put oo the back hurner and "auto control" on the front, so that not only the news media would get after these reckless drivers but also New Jersey police departments would get needed public back-up in their effort to make our highways safer.

My neighbors constantly complain about high auto insurance rates, yet high-velocity cars and run stop signs and red lights, tailgate, weave and speed and cut-others off in order to

be "first." Until the fender-benders and aggressive speeders get control of themselves, they will be facing higher insurance rates. MELVIN F. LEE Hoboken, N.J., March 30, 1997

N.Y. Island Swapping

Re "Dividing Ellis Island" (editorial, April 3): New York City wants Ellis Island. Staten Island, on the other hand, doeso't want New York City. New Jersey would prohably be glad to get either islet. Am I the only one who sees a solution? Give Staten Island to New Jersey with our hlessings. In return, New York City retains its historic claim to Ellis Island. Everybody

BRUCE C. HAXTHAUSEN New York, April 3, 1997

Without Abortion Rights, Women Aren't Equal hattle - but one is right and one is MARY LOU GREENBERG New York, April 3, 1997 wrong.

Common Ground

To the Editor:

As a fairly staunch proponent of the pro-life position, I prepared myself for a dose of invective when I opened the Op-Ed page on April 3 and saw Naomi Wolf's article on abortion. As I read on, however, I was surprised to find myself sharing a common ground.

Certainly many pro-life and prochoice supporters can agree that the high rate of abortion in our society is a symptom of another probem. If we can insure that women have support, options and assistance lorg before they are faced with the choice of abortion, we can begin to address ANTHONY RIMICCI

Piscataway, N.J., April 3, 1997 Constitutional Choice

To the Editor:

"The old Marxist-Freudian, secnlar-materialist left" may have run out of ideas and authority for Naomi Wolf ("Pro-Choice and Pro-Life," Op-Ed, April 3).

No matter, for the authority 1 believe grants me the right to an abortion is the United States Constitution, which also supports the separation of church and state, which Ms. Wolf. seems to be willing to forfeit to do hattle with the religious right on their own turf.

The Supreme Court has given me the authority to choose an abortion should I find myself in need of one. Ms. Wolf seems to believe secularism is worn out, powerless to halt the momentum of the religious right.

Regardless of whether or not the majority of individuals in this country claim an affiliation with an organized religion, the Government that protects our rights is a secular

Ms. Wolf's assessment is that since the majority in America belleve in God, this "is a religious country." This is a democratic country, in which the state protects the rights of citizens against majority opinions when those opinions are antithetical to democracy or inconsistent with the protection of the rights of individuals granted by the Constitution.

CLAIRE NEEDELL-HOLLANDER New York, April 3, 1997

Power and Autonomy

Despite Naomi Volf's admirable attempt to bring a sense of progress to the abortion debate ("Pro-Choice and Pro-Life," Op-Ed, April 3), I find myself face to face with the old familiar anger that infects me every time I read another piece on abor-

tion issue is a red herring for a wny? Because believe the aborlarger, more frightening one: the desire to keep women in their place.

Those who argue against any and all forms of abortion are frightened of the prospect of female autonomy, and abortion is the last stand they can make against this freedom while still claiming the moral high ground

There are a lot of good people who feel spiritually compelled to fight abortion and are not consciously aware of their participation in this fear or its true consequences.

They are responding emotionally. not intellectually. They are presuming a right to dictate policy about a private medical issue, a presumption that would not take place if women

were truly powerful. Those of us who see the real-world. consequences of unwanted pregnancies carried to term know that the only way to help save children's lives is to belp women. ELYSE KNIGHT

Judge Fred S. Biery of Federal

District Court in San Antonio placed

an injunction on the ballots of military

personnel and prevented a Republican

sheriff and county commissioner from

Piermont, N.Y., April 3, 1997

Impeachment Is a Valid Answer to a Judiciary Run Amok

To the Editor:

his to church?

Anthooy Lewis (column, March 28) is one of many to deride my proposal to have Congress use Its constitutional authority to act as a check on the imperial judiclary, casting me as an extremist bent on destroying the Constitution. On the contrary, I hold the Constitution in such high regard that I carry it in my pocket everywbere I go.

Impeaching wayward judges is well within the historical precedents of the Constitution. Chief Justice John Marshall observed that the present doctrine seems to be that a Judge giving a legal opinion contrary to the opinion of the legislature is llable to impeachment."

Thomas Jefferson said: "The oninion which gives to the judges the right to decide what laws are constitutional and what not, not only for themselves in their own sphere of action but for the legislature and the executive also in their spheres, would make the judiciary a despotic branch,"

This view has remained consistent throughout our history. Even Representative Gerald R. Ford explained

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in 1970 when proposing the impeachment of Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court that "an impeachable offense is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history."

The judiciary has run amok. Here are hut a few examples:

· Citizens voted down a proposed tax increase, but the Supreme Court nevertheless nrdered the tax to be levied (Missouri v. Jenkins).

· Judge Thelton E. Henderson of Federal District Court in San Francisco blocked Proposition 209, the voter-approved ban on preferences on race and hiring, even though the language banning racial discrimination was the same as the Civil Rights

taking their seats, despite finding that the case involved only state issues. 1 advocate impeaching judges who

consistently ignore their constitutional role, violate their oath of office and breach the separation of powers. The Framers provided the tool of impeachment to keep the power of the judiciary in check. It is a tool Congress should explore (Rep.) TOM DELAY

Majority Whip Washington, April 3, 1997

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Clinton's Mideast Role

To the Editor:

If President Clinton acts boldly to keep the Middle East peace process alive, beeding Thomas L. Friedman's advice ("The Bell Tolls for Oslo," column, March 31), he will have plenty of support from American Jews. In a recent survey, 94 percent of American Jews said that it is important "for the United States to take an active role in working to promote a lasting peace in the Middie East."

Mr. Clinton has always shown friendship to Israel. Now Israel needs something more: his strong leadership. RAE M. GENSEEERG Jupiter, Fla. April 3, 3997

An Endgame for the Mideast President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright like to talk about America as the indispensable nation, the only country with the power and prestige to help bring peace to troubled regions like the Middle East. They now have a chance to deliver on that grand image. The unfinished peace between Israel and the Palestinians is

near collapse and Washington's role as avuncular mediator will no longer suffice. Mr. Clinton and Ms. Albright must make some bard decisions and take some political risks to end the conflict.

They can begin tomorrow when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Iarael comes to the White House. Both Mr. Netanyahu and Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, have mismanaged the peace effort in the weeks since the two sides reached a mtiestone agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the West Bank city of Hebron. Israel has imperiously proceeded with a housing construction project in East Jerusalem and Palestinian

terror attacks have resumed in Israel. With trust disintegrating and violent confrontations resuming, the entire step-by-step approach to peace no longer seems promising. If there is no other route open, Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat, with a powerful push from Washington, may have to return to the phased peace plan outlined in the

original Oslo agreements three years ago. But another, more daring option may be available if the White House is willing to bear the risks involved. It is to move directly to intensive negotiations on a final settlement. That would mean negotiating permanent boundaries between the areas of Israeli and Palestinian control and defining the

respective rights of the two peoples in Jerusalem. It would require deciding whether Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza should be uprooted, amexed to Israel, or transferred to Palestinian rule with security guarantees. Final

settlement talks must also determine whether the

Palestinians win a full-fledged state of their own,

or must accept some limits on their sovereignty. A drive for a final agreement would probably require continuous high-level talks with active American participation, not unlike the 1978 Camp David marathon led by President Carter. Though the idea may seem improbable in the tense climate that now prevails, it should not be dismissed. Some conditions are favorable. Mr. Netanyahu is pushing

for the idea, and the White House seems willing to consider it. The two main Israeli political parties have begun to sketch out elements of a politically sustainable Israeli bargaining position. Mr. Netanyahu even seems prepared to discuss the formation of a Likud-Labor coalition government, which would free him to make some difficult concessions.

Palestinian leaders, while wary of skipping past the remaining land transfers due under Oslo. have recently been thinking creatively about finalstatus issues. On Jerusalem, for example, Mr. Arafat now talks about a Vatican City-type arrangement that would not require a redivision of the city. Others have ventured further, suggesting a new Palestinian capital that would lie inside metropolitan Jerusalem but outside present city limits.

Compromises on Jerusalem and the other issues will be painful for both sides, and impossible without sustained pressure and encouragement from Washington. They will have to bonor Israel's need for military security and legitimate Palestin-

ian aspirations to national dignity. Before any kind of talks can begin again, Mr. Arafat must unequivocally restate his opposition to terrorism and back up his words with consistent actions. Mr. Netanyahu should respond with constructive gestures in the economic sphere - for example, allowing the opening of the Palestinian airport and seaport facilities in Gaza. Nothing, however, will happen without the direct and active involvement of Mr. Clinton and Ms. Albright. America can only be the indispensable nation if its leaders are prepared to make it so.

Welfare Reform's Other Victims Among this country's 30 million low-wage

workers without high school degrees, there is widespread fear that the new law requiring welfare recipients to work will cost them their jobs. Many economists say that relatively few workers will be displaced. But there will be suffering because the influx of low-paid workers will drive down the wages of those who already have jobs.

About four million welfare recipients will go to work either in private-sector jobs or — if states assume responsibility - in workfare, which pays the recipient welfare benefits in exchange for cleaning parks or other public-service work. If the economy stays strong, labor markets can absorb three or four million more workers without shoving aside existing workers. Over the past 20 years, unemployment rates have dropped even as millions of baby boomers flooded the market. More work for some does not mean less work for others. Welfare recipients will not just occupy a job slot. They will also earn income to spend on goods that other workers

must be hired to produce. The new law is not, however, without risks. Employers could afford to soak up the baby boomers because wages fell. Hiring welfare recipients at lower wages will also be profitable. Four million new workers might seem a small addition to a labor force of 130 million. But most of them are concentrated in only a few regions, and because they will compete for the jobs that require little education or work experience, the influx of welfare recipients will create downward pressures on wages in those areas. Prof. Harry Holzer of Michigan State estimates that wages for unskilled workers across the

nation could fall by an average of 10 percent. If Congress could guarantee that the economy would remain forever strong, the new welfare law might make sense. Nearly everyone could work, even if wages fell. But the economy will at some point slow down. Many unskilled workers will lose their jobs, joining welfare recipients unable to hold a steady job in a lengthening unemployment line. Under the old law, they could collect food stamps for as long as they needed help. Under the new law, childless adults can lose their food stamps in a matter of months. Cash benefits for parents could

be cut off after two years. The states could step in to fill the void created by Congress. But judging from past experience, most states will not want to raise the necessary taxes because they fear losing their competitive edge in the hunt for new industry. When Congress ripped away the safety net, it had no idea how much fear and desperation it would cause.

Editorial Notebook

Philadelphia's School Wars

Plagued hy truancy, violence and underachievement, Philadelphia's public schools are among the nation's worst. As of last year, fewer than 6 percent of the city's high

school students tested as competent in reading. The children of the city's middle class — including its politicians - have fled m private or parochial schools. Yet despite all these obvious signs of failure, Philadelphians were stunned when their superintendent of schools seized control of two high schools and announced that teachers there would be transferred for failing to raise achievement levels. The takeover provoked demonstrations, vandalism, a lawsuit by the teachers and a scolding from political leaders who knew perfectly well that the superintendent, David Hurnbeck, had no

Confidence in the schools had evaporated. A recent poll commissioned by Democrats in Pennsylvania's Legislature showed that 8 in 10 Philadelphians believed the system needed dramatic change. Nearly half the city's whites and three-quarters of its African-Americans favored a voucher plan that would allow low-income students in failing schools to use public mnney for private-school tuition. Since most of the whites had already fled the system, the meaningful figure here is the overwhelming number of African-Americans who said they wanted out as well. Their children make up about 65 percent of the school population, which is 80 percent minority. If Mr. Hornbeck does not show swift improvement, the cry for a voucher system will grow.

Several states are considering voucher systems. Wisconsin and Ohio already bave such programs for lowincome children, allowing them to attend private schools. In Kentucky, a voucher-like law allows families to leave failing public schools and enroll in good public schools, taking state education dollars with them. As a consultant, Mr. Hornbeck helped to write Kentucky's laws, setting up rewards and punishments that have brought greater accountability to the system.

Are Vouchers The Next Strategy?

In his role as superintendent, Mr. Hornbeck warries that vouchers for private schools would bankrupt an aiready cash-starved public system. But pressures are build-

ing. The Philadelphia Inquirer recently urged Gov. Toro Ridge to install a voucher system in the nearby city of Chester, which has been under a Federal court order to improve its schools since 1990. The court may well impose a voucher solution that bypasses Chester's public schools if the Governor does not act first.

Last month, Philadelphia's City Council narrowly defeated a nonbinding resolution in favor of vouchers. Two additional proposals are circulating at the state level and could eventually end up as law. One proposal would reimburse only a fraction of the cost of private education. A second proposal by State Representative Dwight Evans, a Democrat from Philadelphia, would reimburse parents in full. The plan draws upon Florence County v. Carter, a United States Supreme Court decision that authorized parents of learning-disabled children to sue for private-school tuition when the public schools failed. The ruling applied specifically to special education, but it was inevitable that lawmakers would try to apply it more broadly.

Mr. Evans dismisses critics who say vouchers would further destabilize the system. The middle class, he notes, has already fled. The African-American poor who support experiments with vouchers do so because they have been left behind with violent, dysfunctional schools with no prospect of improvement. Mr. Hornbeck is, in effect, asking for one last chance to make these schools work. He plans to transfer three-fourths of the teachers in these schools and put new staff and curriculum in place. The aim is to reduce disruption and truancy while improving overall performance.

State takeovers of falling schools are rare. There have been modest successes and some flat-out failures. If Mr. Hornbeck succeeds, Philadelphia's schools could get new life. If he fails, vouchers could be the next **BRENT STAPLES** IERUSALEM POST

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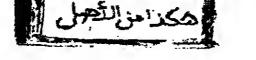
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Founding Fathers Get Lost

Dead white men, we're constantly told, are on the way out at America's universities, done in hy multiculturalism and radical feminists. But the biggest single threat in decades to the future academic standing of America's most august dead white men -Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Manison - turns out not to be a campus plot but a case of what one historian calls "bipartisan political fecklessness." Over the past two years, such unlikely bedfellows as William Bennett, Lynne Chency and the Clinton Administration have all played leading roles, largely unreported, in threatening to extinguish the Founding Fathers projects: the scholarly effort to document our patriots' lives by collecting and annotating their voluminous papers (18,080 letters by Jefferson alone) in books available to anyone with a library card.

This high-casualty battle of the culture wars began two years ago when Mr. Bennett and Ms. Cheney, both formerly enthusiastic heads of the National Endowment for the Humanities, went to the Hill to recant and argue for the agency's abolition. As card-carrying G.O.P. revolutionaries, they suddenly found that the endowment was (in Mr. Bennett's words) an "unnecessary, imprudent and inappropriate" use of Federal funds. Though they didn't succeed in killing the N.E.H. or its sister agency, the National Endowment for the Arts, they helped maim them both. The already small bumanities budget was cut by a third, to a measly \$110 million.

Ms. Cheney conceded in ber testi-mony that the N.E.H. had done some good, including the preservation of historical papers — but in her Lenin-ist zeäl to kill the endowment, she told the Congressmen not to worry. "Private support" would ride, like Paul Revere, to the rescue. She was wrong. The N.E.H, she left in triage has had to slash its budget for the Founding Fathers projects like everything else. And while some private money has always supported the publication of these documents — beginning in 1943. when The New York Times gave \$200,000 toward the Jefferson papers - such largesse has declined steeply of late, too. Richard Ekman of the Mellon Foundation, citing the growing demands on philanthropies like his at a time of cutbacks in social services, sees no hope of increases now.

Along with the N.E.R., which had giveo up to 40 percent of these projects' budget, and private money (averaging 20 percent), there's a third donor: an affiliate of the National Archives known as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Enter the Clinton Administration and its political hackery. In a November meeting whose boorish minutes could have been written by Sinclair Lewis, this commission voted for the first time in its history to demote the Founding Fathers projects in its hudget priorities, putting them behind politically opportune block grants to state archival projects. One member, a State Department historian named William Slany, jostified his stand by making-the self-fulfilling prophecy that interest in the Founding Fathers is bound to "dwindle." The National Archivist himself — John Carlin, a non-historian (but Clinton campaign supporter) appointed over the loud objections of much of the historical profession - has gone so far as to say that his top priority is to "capture the

Washington: downsizes history.

history that is being created today." Joseph J. Ellis, the author of "American Sphinx." the acclaimed new study of Jefferson, says that until now the Founding Fathers projects had survived by consensus "through Democrats and Republicans" and "ups and downs in the budget" for half a century. "If people are more interested in what happens in 1997 with toilet makers in Macon, Ga., then God help us," he adds, noting that the founders' papers are "the closest thing the United States has to the classics." Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who has been campaigning to save the projects, points out the bleak irony that those in Washington "screaming about the lack of interest in history and tradition are leading the fight to deprive people of information about their history and tradition."

Mr. Schlesinger's letter seeking Mr. Clinton's intervention brought only a perfunctory non-response; his letter to his fellow historian Newt Gingrich brought no answer at all. If the documenting of Jefferson, Washington and Franklin, already on life support, is soon to cease, we can only liope that our National Archivist will preserve the papers of today's politicians as assiduously as he promises so that future generations can learn



Literary Conceits

By Tobias Wolff

SYRACUSE he reviews of Kathryn Harrison's Kiss" are enough to make you think she had committed a crime in writing about her seduction by her father and the bitter sexual entanglement that followed. Michael Shnayerson suggests in Vanity Fair that ber motive in telling her story was not, as she herself says, a matter of personal and artistic necessity, but a squalid grab for publicity and sales. The Washington Post's Jonathan Yardley dismisses the entire book as "trash ... not an artful word in it" contrived "for personal gain and talk show notorlety.".

The rage against memoirs, so au courant, misses the point.

James Wolcott, in The New Republic, brings the author up on charges of being not only a hack, but also a mercenary opportunist, a liar and a bad mother, a wicked mother, whose autobiographical writings "constitute a narcissistic act on Harrison's part intended to invite misery and humiliation upoo her children, especially the daughter, as misery was visited upon her."

I've never met Kathryn Harrison, hut I have read her book, thought it remarkably courageous and welltold and have been happy to recommend it. Certainly there's nothing in it to explain the rage "visited upon her" by these critics.

The truth is that they are using her as a target of convenience for their animus against the genre she's working in - the memoir. All of them preface their attacks on her with expressions of suspicion or downright contempt for the personal writings that have recently found favor with readers. They want to be seen as bucking the trend, when of course they could not be more au courant, for it is now entirely the fashion with our self-deputized Border Patrol to mew in dismay at the wistful appearance of any new memoir at the gate

of Literature.

Are these books so bad? From my own fairly extensive reading in the field, I'd say this: Some are indeed dreadful; most are mediocre; a few are good; a very few are superb. In other words, they correspond in quality to the new novels I read, and the oew stories, and poems. Robert Frost is supposed to have said that there haven't been 500 poets in the world since Homer. We could probably make a case for opening up a few more positions, but the fact remains that at any given time there isn't a whole lot of work out there of the first order, and the contemporary work we do praise in those terms will, if past is portent, mostly pass into oblivion.

That holds true for every genre and form. The novelist, the historian. the poet and the memoirist all labor under the virtual certainty of being forgotten, yet all share equally in the hope of escaping that fate with a book like "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" or "The Oregon Trail" or "Life Studies" or "Memories of a Catholic Girlhood."

Tobias Wolff is the author of, most recently, "The Night in Question," a collection of short stories.

A memoir is not had because it is a memoir, but because it is a bad memoir. Of course it's true that many autobiographical writers have made ruthless use of their histories, exploited those who trusted them, betrayed intimacies, displayed their wounds in the marketplace, Robert Graves was accused of doing exactly those things when "Goodbye to All That," was published.

But when I came to write my own account of wartime service 1 was gulded more by his memoir of World War I than hy any of the Vietnam histories 1'd been reading to put myself hack in the picture. Though we were very different, his trials much harsher than mine and his record iofinitely more distinguished, 1 learned from hlm: He did not impose global understandings and sympathies on the rather narrow-minded young man he was then, whose area of greatest concern was, after all, the patch of ruined ground just in front of his trench; he treated his younger incarnation with neither condescensioo nor flattery, but with an objectivity that didn't flinch from revealing the juvenile priggishness, sexual confusion and self-importance to which he was subject, or the courage of which he was capable.

Without false apologies or exhibitions of right-mindedness he made me feel something of what it was like for one particular person to be drawn into that war, submit to its logic, then reject it utterly while somehow continuing to fight. I wanted to know how a man of flesh and blood, not of fiction, made sense of what had been done to him, and of what he had done. It is this sort of curiosity that draws people to memoirs, and it is a legitimate curiosity.

"To have written an autobiography," William Gass wrote in Harper's magazine three years ago, "is already to have made yourself a monster." His point was that the autobiographer is bound to puff himself up, to lie, to take revenge, to hide the greater sin hy confessing the lesser, to crowo herself with a halo. If this is true, it is no more true of memoirists than of other writers. What is the novelist's sentimentality (whether expressed in desperate cheer or easy cynicism) but a lie of the heart, and the conceit that nobody else is smart enough to see through it? Do poets not take revenge? Read your Catullus. As for halos, isn't Mr. Gass wearing one

kinds are prone to self-idealization. But the best memoirists have an astonishing capacity for seeing themselves in the round, fully implicated in the fallen creation of which they write. Think of George Orwell's "Shooting an Elephant" There's no conceit here, no halo, no getting even with an unkind world, only the absurd helplessness of a man taken prisoner by his own spurious authority.

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We see the same honesty at work in Susanna Kaysen's description of going to an ice cream parlor with her fellow lunatics in "Girl, Interrupt-

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Essay

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Bibi's Bypass

The sticking point in the negotiation between Israel and the Palestinians has always been Jerusalem.

Jewish voters last year decided overwhelmingly that Benjamin Netanyahu was less likely than Shimon Peres to crumble on the indivisibility ol their nation's capital.

Sioce that election, the flash point of most controversy has remained Jerusalem. Yasir Arafat incited a furor over a tunnel that Israelis bad every right to reopeo in their capital. He then seized on the construction of housing on a barren hill inside the city limits to incite rioting - all to assert a claim to a piece of Jerusalem to be his capital.

Thus has this generation's battle fur Jerusalem been joined. Judgmental journalists buy Arafat's line when they describe "Arab East Jerusa-Jem," redividing the city with a twist of a dateline. The U.S. Congress, on the contrary, is on record recognizing Jerusalem as the State of Israel's indivisible capital.

Since Mr. Arafat chose to put his claim to Jerusalem on the world's agenda, Mr. Netanyahu proposes to address it now.

The easy part of plans laid in Oslo - awarding the Arabs much of the West Bank in return lor a permanent renunciation of terror - was supposed to come first. But reality intruded, When Israel acted as if it controlled its own capital - as it never agreed in Oslo to stop doing the Palestinian Authority considered that a provocation and broke its agreement to control Arah terrorists.

This exposed the great mistake io the "easy part first" approach takeo by Shimon Peres. Israel was to make a series of West Bank territorial concessions along the way to the endgame, when Arafat would surely say, "not enough - we also want a large piece of Jerusalem."

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That's why Netanyahu's proposal to get to the poiot within the next six months makes good sense for both sides. He accepts the reality that Arafat is daily trying to oegotiate the capital's status. He urges that this □ - claim be put on the-table now and

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Arafat is refusing unless Israel is willing to signal its willingness to weaken its stand on the unity of Jerusalem at the outset. That underlies his demand for an end to what he calls "settlement" inside the Israeli capital - as if Israel's building of

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housing in the city limits were a colonization ol his territory.

If Netanyahu conceded that, he would concede the division of Jerusalem. By maintaioing unmistakable political control of Israel's whole capital, he makes clear the limits of the final deal - and invites a realistic response from Palestinlans who at last have a state of their own in sight.

He sees the American President in Washington 10morrow. Mr. Clinton will be rempted to curry favor with Palestinians by repeating his "wish" that Israel stop building and otherwise asserting its sovereignty in Jerusalem.

Clinton should resist that temptatioo to appear evenhanded because it raises Arafat's hopes of getting the capital he wants. If the Palestinian leader should take Clinton's misplaced wish as a signal of coming American pressure to divide Israel's capital, the peace process would end with Israel grimly setting its own borders and locking out Arab work-

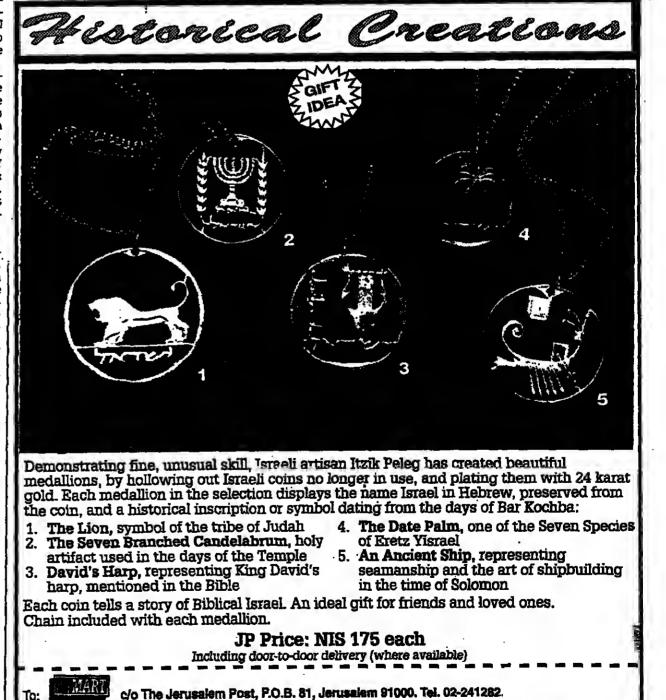
And if the President gets the urge to hint that Netanyahu should form a a coalition government in Israel, to give Shimoo Peres the last hurrah he desperately seeks, Clinton should hite his tongue. The possibility of uniting with Labor is a cluh that Netanyahu uses to keep Likud hawks in line, hut would foster a fresh hurst of Palestinlan unreality. Ehud Barak will replace Mr. Peres at Labor's head this summer; a toughminded coalition might then work.

Clinton could help by holding out the promise of a Camp David coochsion to the next six months of direct Israeli-Palestinian final-status negotiations. If Arafat balks, the world will know which side is not dealing in good falth-

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British Dichotomy: Prosperous Country, Angry Artists

By ALAN RIDING

WEEKLY REVIEW

LONDON HE CULTURAL BUZZ LIGHTING LONdon these days comes with unlikely thanks to Margaret Thatcher. The Iron Lady herself had no time for arty types, whom she presumed to be leftists bent on living off Government subsidies. She naturally frowned on official promotion of culture. And after she resigned in 1990, Government spending on the arts continued to shrink under ber successor, John Major.

Yet, as 18 years of Conservative rule draw to a likely close in the May I general election, British movies, theater, visual arts, fashioo and pop music are livelier now than at any time since the 1960's. And, strangely, Mrs. Thatcher deserves much credit. By imposing a Darwinian order on the arts, she forced new creative talents to learn to stand on their own. Most of those who have taken up this challenge are themselves very much children of the Tory years: born in the late 1960's and 1970's, they can remember no Prime Minister other than Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Major. Yet what they have to say is anything but a paean to Thatcherism. Their message is angry, rebellious and, in the end, idealistic.

"Mrs. Thatcher forced artists to say that there are more important things than money, marketing and management," said Richard Eyre, the departing director of the Royal National Theater.

But if British society still exists, it

is also fast changing. In one sense, the market bas triumphed. With the British economy now growing, there is money to be spent on clothes, restaurants, nightclubs, pop concerts and drugs. The new mania for fun, fun, fun has in turn fed the hype that Londoo Is swinging again, cheerfully embracing role-models of the likes of the designers John Galliano and Alexander McQueen, the supermodels Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss and the pop groups Oasis, Blur and the Spice Girls. Yet this world of glitz is enjoyed by relatively few people.

"I have coined the phrase 'tragic hedonism' for Thatcberism," sald Robert Hewison, a British cultural historian and author of "Future Tense: A New Art for the Nineties." Young artists evoke a far bleaker Britain. Over the last 18 years, the closing of coal mines, shipyards and other labor-intensive industries has spawned a new underclass that lives on the periphery of the job and consumer market and smolders with resentment

produced the raw energy that is feeding the current cultural renaissance.

"Thatcherism required that If anything was to be done, you had to do it yourself," Mr. Hewison said.

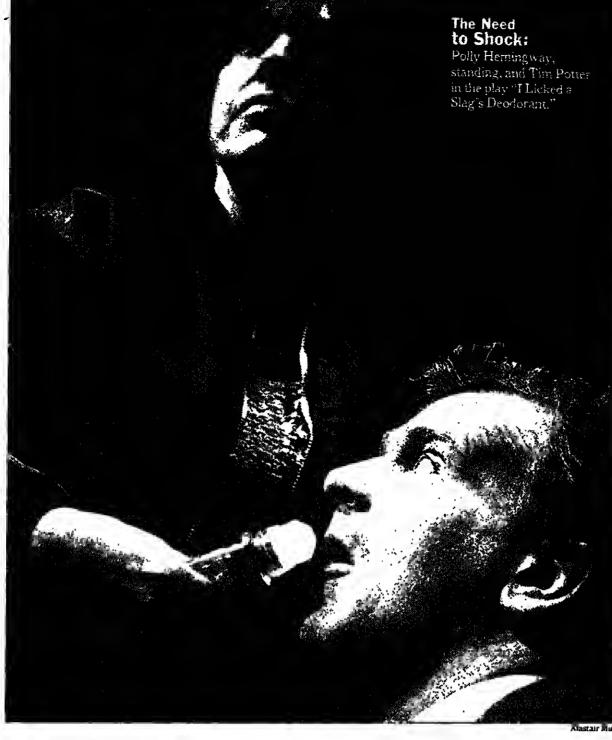
Artists had a complete lack of falth in institutions. Instead, they adopted business values and learned to sell themselves."

The first to do so were visual artists, notably art students from Goldsmiths' College, led by Damien Hirst, who in 1988 organized their own show called "Freeze." This proved a crossroads. Instead of waiting for collectors, galleries or museums to recognize them, they elbowed their way into public awareness, often being outlandishly provocative in order to be noticed (witness Mr. Hirst's famous dissected animals preserved in formaldehyde). And they began setting up Independent artist-led spaces in abandoned warehouses and factories in the East End of London, Glasgow, Manchester, Belfast and other cities.

"The idea was, if the system can't accommodate you, you create your own system, you take matters into your own hands," said Julia Peyton-Jones, the director of the Serpentine Gallery in London, which concentrates on contemporary art.

Almost a decade after "Freeze," a score of young visual artists enjoy considerable recognition, thanks in part to the Saatchi Gallery (where Charles Saatchi has built up Britain's most important collection of contemporary art) and the Tate Gallery's annual Turner Prize for under-S0 artists. Many new faces are also repreșented by galleries now, notably Jay Jopling's White Cube and

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Nicholas Logsdail's Lisson Gallery. Their rosters include Mr. Hirst, Steve McQueen, Marc Quinn, Sam Taylor-Wood, Chris Ofili, Fiona Rae. Angus Fairhurst, Gary Hume, Georgina Starr, Douglas, Gordon, Gillian Waring and Rachel Whiteread.

One who has turned her own life into her art is Tracey Emin, 34. She has set up a "museum" in a former office space near Waterloo Station to show her work, including strange collages of letters and souvenirs from

How long can artistic energy be kept alive on a diet of social disillusion?

her troubled youth and embroideries with surrealist messages that cover the bed in which she often receives visitors. She also reads in public from painful autobiographical texts that refer to her rape as a 13-yearold, two later abortions and a suicide attempt.

Part of their frustration may well stem from the fact that Britain's prestigious art schools continue to produce droves of aspiring artists, yet the market for their work remains tiny. They can organize shows, they may even be written about, but over the last 30 years, Mr. Logsdail said, 80 percent of the best British art has been sold abroad.

'We're despised; we're lampooned," said Stephen Hepworth, an artist who also manages the Tannery, an artist-led space in the East End of London. "Damien Hirst is better known for caricatures of his

Ms. Peyton-Jones said such sentiments translate into art scarred by anger, bleakness and rawness. "When I ask them why art isn't reflecting the beauty of life," she said, "I am told, because life is not

Film Triumvirate: Andrew MacDonald, left, Danny Boyle and John Hodge - The new guard.

new British movie makers for whom the bucolic England of Jane Austen and Merchant-Ivory holds no interest. Rather it is "Trainspotting" -Irvine Welsh's book and the hit movie by the same name - that has come to symbolize the new wave. When "Trainspotting" came out last year, the British movie industry was in fact already stirring after the fallow 1980's (albeit still lagging behind Ireland's flourishing movie business). Channel 4 Films, originally founded to produce movies for televislon, such as Stephen Frears's "My Beautiful Laundrette," had begun making feature films. It proved quite daring, co-financing Neil Jordan's "Crying Game," which had trouble finding backers. In 1994, it was rewarded with its first international hit io Mike Newell's "Four Weddings and a Funeral." With "Shallow Grave," a clever film noir, Channel 4 collaborated with the enterprising trio made up of the director Danny Boyle, the producer Andrew Mac-Donald and the screenwriter John Hodge.

After "Shallow Grave," the three again joined forces with Channel 4 for "Trainspotting." Since then, Channel 4 has backed Mike Her-man's "Brassed Off," while Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Boyle produced Kevin Allen's "Twin Town" for Polygram Filmed Entertainment.

'I think what's different is that the old guard never cared about the audience," Mr. MacDonald explained. "They would make films for 55-yearolds. We make films for the younger, 16 to 25, crowd that goes to the cinema. These films don't need good reviews in The Observer. They have their audlence, they are rough at the edges and very specific. I'm always surprised when they do well outside Britain."

Just as surprising is that they also do well in London, because they tell stories from distant outreaches of the kingdom: "Shallow Grave" and "Trainspotting" were shot in Scotland, "Twin Town" in Wales and "Brassed Off" in northern England.

"Twin Town," which celebrates the anarchic and deeply antisocial

behavior of two violent, foul-mouthed brothers, played by the real-life That certainly is the view of many brothers Rhys Ifans and Llyr Evans (Evans is the Anglicized version of Ifans) has already been tagged a Welsh "Trainspotting."-It is also funny, scattering such national symbols as rugby, sheep and male choirs into

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carriage of justice ft will be released in the United States on May 9.

In contrast, "Brassed Off," which opens in the United States on May 23, hides its political punch in a sentimental story about trying to save a Yorkshire colliery's brass band during a wave of coal pit closings ordered by the conservative Government. Starring Ewan McGregor, who also appeared in "Shallow Grave" "Trainspotting," the movie presents itself as a comedy, but anger bursts through when the mice is sbut and the band's fate is sealed. The next movie in this latter-day 'kitchen sink" movement is Peter

Cattaneo's still-unreleased "Full Mooty," a bittersweet tale of earthy steelworkers in the Yorkshire city of Sheffield who try to improve their lot by becoming strippers in what the film's publicity notes describe as 'a potent mix of desperation, personal tragedy and spirited enthusiasm."

With a bost of new production companies, including Working Title ("Four Weddings and a Funeral" made with Channel 4 -- "Fargo" and "Kolya," no less) adding to the momentum, success is evidently breeding success. Cheered by the prospect of a movie industry that brings in profits and creates jobs, the Government has allowed revenues from the National Lottery to be used as seed money for new low-budget productions. Even more daringly, it has decided to pump \$240 million of lottery profits into the creation of four fledging studios. For the first time in decades, British movie makers are feeling optimistic. Indeed, there is a risk that too many British films will be made.

"There is a limited market and limited talent," said David Aukin, who runs Channel 4's film division and who plans to commission and finance around 20 films every year.

While the movie industry has welcomed the lottery money, the reaction of other sectors of the arts bas been mixed. Legislation setting up the lottery three years ago assigned 25 percent of profits to capital expenditure on "good causes," including culture. As a result, the likes of the Royal Opera House, the Tate Gallery, the Royal Court Theater and the British Museum have oow embarked on expensive modernizations and expansions.

But because Government subsidies for running many institutions

a story about class warfare and mis- are frozen or shrinking, there is a perform in the glittering new theaters. Already, regional theaters have abandoned their role as proving grounds for new talent; some have closed while others put on easy crowd-pleasers to insure full houses.

Yet for all that, British theater has found ways of surviving. In London, while commercial fare fills the West End, pub theaters like the Gate and the Bush and experimental theaters like the Almeida, Donmar Ware-house and Royal Court offer more daring work to smaller audiences. Similarly, there is a place for young directors in the small Cottesioe Theater at the National Theater, in the Pit at the Barblcan and in the Royal Shakespeare Company's Other Place at Stratford-on-Avon.

Most remarkable, however, has been the explosion in new plays, many of them by young men and women writing about the "downstairs" of British society. Annually, 800 are sent to the National Theater, 1,000 to the Bush and some 2,000 to the Royal Court. Most do not get produced, but all are read and around 30 new plays are staged each

"We get a huge number of plays about collapsing society," said Jack. Bradley, the literary manager at the National Theater. "Perhaps that's why people choose to write plays in this country. Because they're opposed to the status quo."

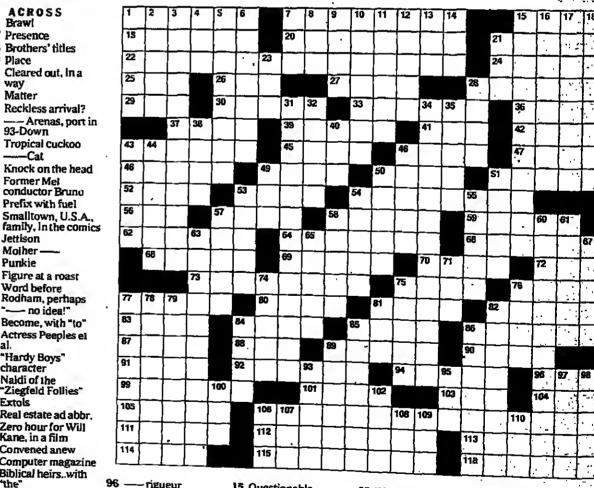
Certainly, there is no shortage of plays set in dysfunctional families. crumbling housing projects and depressed former mining towns. But interesting language, dark humor and strong dramatic structure are also frequently present.

Sometimes there is a need to shock, as in Jim Cartwright's play about a crack-addicted streetwalker, "I Licked a Slag's Deodorant," and an even more vulgarly named first play by Mark Ravenhill, 30, produced by the Royal Court this winter, that portrayed gay sex and cocaine-sniffing on stage.

This season's sensation is Martin McDonagh, a 26-year-old enfant terrible who won the Evening Standard Award for the most promising dramatist of 1996 for "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," his first professionally performed play. Since theo, his new play, "The Cripple of Inishmaan," also set in Ireland and reminiscent of the work of J. M. Synge, has consolidated his reputation.

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> hen Salha Sabik was a schoolgirl in the 1960s, all of the teachers in ber village were male. The school in Hurfeish, in Upper Galilee, went only until grade eight, and the Druse families did not permit their daughters to leave the village to study further.

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Now, Sabik is a teacher in the same village. Her younger brothers and sisters and all seven of her children have passed through her classroom. This year, she took a sabbatical to complete her B.A. degree at Bar-Ilan University college campuses in Safed and

"I was the first woman from Hurfeish to come here." Sabik said. Then the next year my daughter came with all her friends." Druse women from villages throughout. Galilee have jumped at the chance to study at university level. Hevron Trabelsi, director of the

Safed campns of Bar-Ilan, says the change is nnticeable. Not very long ago, we never saw Druse women, he said. "Suddenly, about three years ago, they started enming. Now there are over 70 enrolled just at this one small college.

"I think they prefer studying in a religious Jewisb college to a secular college," he said. "Some of them even study Talmud here."

ORIGINAL reluctance towards women going to college 17 stellmined from a coheert that they would drift away from the tradition or marry non-Druse if they left the village. But that resistance has almost been forgotten, Sabik said. "All the religious men in the village came to talk to my father [before I enrolled at college], she Teaching, social work and nurs-remembered. "They didn't want ing are the most popular degrees him to let me gn. But my father among the Druse women; careers had worked in kibbntzim and that give them the chance to live Jewish towns. He knew the difference between an educated and an than drawing them to Tel Aviv or



One of the many Druse women from Galilee villages studying at Bar-Ilan University's Safed campus.

uneducated wnman. And my parents knew they bad a strong girl who wonldn't go away from the Druse religion. My father challenged them all and let me go to study in Haifa. Now, the religious

Sabik's oldest daughter, Nahide, is also working toward an education degree at Bar-Ilan in Safed.

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When we came back [to the village] after college, everyone was able to see that they didn't have anything to be afraid of," said Julia Zeidan who, along with her sister, was one of the first Druse women to attend Haifa University. Zeidan is now a social worker at a local old-age home. "We were able to go to college and also to keep our Druse culture."

"We know our freedoms and our" limitations," said Abeer Gadban, one of the Hurfeish women studying along with Nahide Sabik and her mother. The religion gives

among the Druse women; careers and work in their villages rather

Haifa. They want to study not only for personal satisfaction but also to help their families and villages.

We want the condinan of the Druse to be higher, like the Moslems, Christians and Jews," said Lina Bader, an education student at Bar-Ilan University's Safed campus. "Our fathers and

their daughters by the hand, and choosing all the enurses for them. The next year, the girls came by themselves.

Then the next year the fathers called again, asking if their daughters could rent a flat in town. We aren't even surprised

The village elders tried to persuade Salha Sabik's father to forbid her from attending high school. This month, the school teacher - who is completing her B.A. - is to receive the village's 'ideal Mother' award.

brothers went to work outside the village and to the army. Then they wanted their children, their daughters, in study."

A lew years ago, I stal ting phone calls from the Druse villages, asking about their daughters enming here to study," said Trabelsi of Bar-Ilan.

"First, the fathers came, bulding

"THE DRUSE men get to meet other Israelis in the army; the women can meet them here at the college, especially those that stay dorms, Schombrin, a reacher at Bar-llan in Safed. When women earn college degrees and part of the family income, one of the first things

to change is delegation of house-

hold chares. "Of course my sons do much more around the bouse than most of their friends," Sabik said. "Everynne in my family helps, my busband too.

The traditional society in which she lives hasn't criticized Sabik for making ber sons fold laundry. This month she is being honored with an "ideal mother" award from the village. This is the same village whose elders tried to talk her father out of letting her go to bigh school.

"My greatest reward is my students," Sabik said. "I was always encouraging the girls to finish their studies, to go to college, Now everywhere I see Druse women working; as secretaries, as social workers, as nurses. A new elementary school was just built in. Hurfeish. There is only one male teacher, all the rest are Druse

They used to think eighth grade was enough for girls," Sabik said. "My mother did nnl of the women in her generation leamed to read. But I always imagined myself being a teacher. Now, I am imagining myself as headmistress of the school."



'd like to get my hands on whoever it was in the Hebrew Language Academy whn made the ridicultus decisinn on how to translate the term "maternity leave." And I'm very sure it was a man.

Why? Well, literally translated, the Hebrew phrase "hufshar layda" means "childbirth vacatinn." And anyone who has ever pushed nut a baby and then devnied themselves in caring fulltime for a newborn infant knows very well that while the experience may be exciting, ful-filling, meaningful and all that warm and fuzzy stuff, it ain't nn day at the beach, let alone two

Frankly, as my maternity leave draws to a close, I can say without besitation that full-time motherhood is the loughest jnb I've ever held. And I was nn navice when it came in meeting challenges, no naive teenage bride facing ber first real respon-sibilities in life.

weeks in the Caribbean.

After all, at the age of 32, I'd spent a good decade in the workplace, envered wars, peace talks, navigated White Hnuse press conferences, Capital Hill bureaucracy, the New York subway system, Tel Aviv traffie jams, Labor and Likud party conventions. I've met demanding deadlines and faced cutthroat competition. I know bow to handle a job. And I thought that I'd experienced some tough emplny-

But no boss was ever as demanding and unforgiving as my son, Eitan. When Eitan wants something done, he wants it done immediately. No besitations, no excuses, no explanations, not even begging and groveling gets through to him. When his diaper bas to be changed, it has to be changed

When he wants his bottle, he's not interested in the fact that it ald take any normal buman being a few minutes to prepare it. When he's bored, be wants some fun and games immediately. If his demands aren't met, he screams till he's purple. And sometimes even when

I've done my jnb perfectly, when his diaper is clean, bis stomach is full, his entertainment is supplied, be still isn't satisfied. There's nn logic tn nbtaining a favorable job performance review from this man. Mnreover, the bnurs are ridicu-

lous. If motherhood were uninn-

ized, wamen would hald all af the world's wealth.

Can you imagine what kind of overtime hours we'd qualify for? Nights, weekends, holidays? And every full-time mather wnuld certainly demand a hefty raise for every new little demanding boss she brought into the world.

Many claim that this parenting business is a team effort. But the fellow employee designated as my partner, carrying the jnb title "husband and father" is nften nnwhere in sight. He leaves the house for eight to 10 hnurs each day, using the flimsy excuse that be has to attend to something called "real work." Well, if be is working, and I am not, why does he have time to take a shower, get dressed, use the bathroom, and eat meals using both hands while I don't?

Nnw, maybe I could deal with all of this if I thought that I would get credit for attaining some sort of special expertise, some respect from society for the skills I was being forced to acquire so rapidly. But this is a job in which one's friends, family, acquaintances, and even perfect strangers feel comfortable addressing what they see as your failings, while taking your accomplishments for granted.

There you are, out on the street with your baby carriage, pushing the little prince perched on his throne (he looks great, bathed, combed, dressed in the latest in infant fashion. You look like a sleep-deprived, nashowered, uncombed mess sporting spit-op on your shoulder.) Passersby look right past your haggard face and look disapprovingly at the

Comments like: "It's cold outsidel How can you take him out on a day like this?" Or: "Isn't it a little warm for him to be wearing a jacket?" are offered freely. Tell me, in what other work ted to bust into your office and affer their unsolicited opinion on wbat you are doing?

Sn society terms what I'm doing now as "gning back the work." They can call it what they wish, but I know better. I may be sitting at an office desk, typing away nn a computer earning money ... but thanks to my daycare provider, I am showered, dressed, and able to get up to use the bathroom nr fetch myself a cup of enffee at will. Snunds like a vacation to me.

EARTHLY CONCERNS

Dumping toxic waste next door

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

acb country enters the new world of environmental protection at its own pace and the subsequent disparity is reflected in the laws enacted by different states. This has led to an almost disastrous state of confusion and, even worse, has opened the door to the exploitative activities of those individuals, companies and countries whn are far more concerned with monetary gain than with environmental protec-

The worst form of this exploitation is where the legislation is less prohibitive. pelled by CFCs and all banned in their

environmental dumping. The industrialized nations, desperate to rid themselves of toxic waste, are finding places in the less develnped world where they can deposit this dangerous material.

International bodies bave tried, usually in vain, to deal with this problem. But dumping is not just a manter of waste products. There is also a form of economically orchestrated dumping that is far more dan-gerous. Today, countries denied a local mar-ket for environmentally dangerous products are actively seeking and finding markets Pesticide companies in the US, western Europe and here, still produce materials banned at baine but welcome in Third

World countries. But Israel, due to a lack of positive legislation, is not only a dumper of pesticides but a dumping ground for many other products. While most Israeli companies have virtually eliminated CFCs as a propellant for many products, we are inundated by European and American products that continue tn fnist upon us a variety of cosmencs and cleaning or sanitation materials all pro-

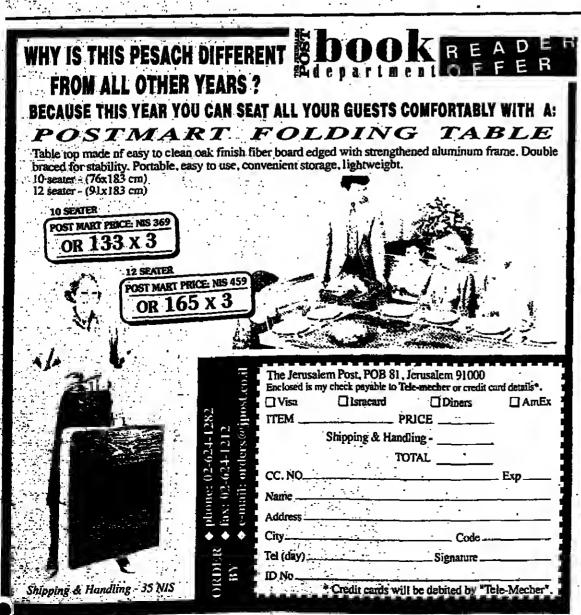
country of origin.

It is obvinus that unless we are to once again divide ourselves into the nations of the haves and have-nots, there must be an international agreement that prohibits the production, as well as the sale of environmentally harmful agents.

This is not a simple matter, but without an international consensus there can be no real improvement of the environment.

Local gains are all well and good, but does it really help you if your next-door neighbor is polluting the very world in which you live?









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BUSINESS

Sharon to visit Russia to discuss gas deal

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon is scheduled to visit Russia this month to discuss the purchase of natural gas. This visit follows Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's Moscow meeting with Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin, during which the latter extended an invitation to Sharon.

Sharon is also likely to meet senior executives from RAO

Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer.

Netanyahu told his counterpart be would be happy to consider buying gas from Russia if it is economically feasible. This is just another possibility," Sharon's spokesman Ra'anan Gissin said. "We are not cancelling our interest in Egypt and Qatar.
Russia could be either an alternative or an additional supplier."

Israel Corp. makes new appointments

Israel Corporation has appointed Erwin Eisenberg as chairman of the holding company and Doron Steiger as general manager. Eisenberg, 46, succeeds his father, Shoul, who recently died in Beijing at the age of 76. Steiger is deputy chief executive at Dovrat Shrem, a Tel Aviv-based investment bank.

Firm chosen to build gas turbine power station

Israel Electric Corporation's tenders committee bas chosen Ben Yakar Gat construction company to build the Gezer gas turbine power station at Ramle. The total cost of the project is NIS 43.5 million, with the successful tender bid the lowest of the 12

The four turbine plant will produce 560 megawatts of electricity, with construction work taking a year to complete. It is anticipated the first turbine will be operational by the middle of next year. The turbines themselves, will be constructed by Siemens.

Telrad signs \$10m. deal with Chinese firm

Telrad has signed a \$10-million deal to supply an undisclosed Chinese telecommunications provider with a system that monitors the telephone signalling network, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The system relays information about faults in a telecommunications network in real-time, allowing telecommunications providers to make quick decisions about how to redirect the flow of traffic over telephone lines. Jennifer Friedlin

Propper pledges fight against racism

Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper bas promised his organization will do everything it can to help wipe out discrimination against Ethiopian immigrants in Israel.

In a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Propper suggested setting up a meeting between industry heads and senior figures in the Ethiopian immigrant community, along with representatives of Netanyahu.

During the meeting a plan of action would be adopted to tackle instances of racism to the workplace and similar issues. David Harris

General shares index falls 2.2% in March

A decline of 2.2 percent was registered in the general shares index on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in March, according to figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics. This followed a 4.4% increase in February. The overall increase for the first quarter was 17.1%, with the Mishtanim Index up 16.4% and the Maof 15.9%.

Kuwait wants foreigners to pay health insurance

Kuwait plans to impose compulsory health insurance on its 1.2 million foreign residents to cut costs and what it sees as "cxcessive" use of health care services, a senior official said yesterday. "Medicine is expensive, so are medical equipment and technical staff," Abdul-Rahim Zaid, an undersecretary at the Gulf Arab state's Health Ministry, said.

Beilin: PM must stop avoiding economic decisions

By DAVID HARRIS

Following Friday's cabinet decision to delay approving legislation to cap pay in the public sector, MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of being incapable of making key economic decisions.

According to Treasury sources, Netanyahu had agreed on Wednesday to a package of propos-als from Finance Minister Dan Meridor, but during Friday's cabinet meeting bowed to pressure from his office director-general Avigdor Lieberman.

Lieberman recommended the issue oot be discussed until Meridor and senior representatives of the Union of Local Authorities have had time to find a compromise.

Lieberman reportedly said there is no point in becoming bogged down in unnecessary struggles, referring to the strong opposition to the proposals, particularly from the union.

MKs from a variety of parties are once again concerned at what they see as Neranyahu's inability to make decisions and his susceptibility to his director-general.

over the Brodet Report [on reforming the capital markets)," said Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz). "This changing of minds isn't only a big

mystery, it's also very serious." Not only do the existing excesses in public sector pay create economic problems, but also those of a social nature, according to Rubinstein. He contends that given the general low-pay wage levels here, seeing such large salaries in the upper echelons of the public sector can only breed contempt.

Responding to these claims on behalf of Nctanyahu, his economic adviser Moshe Leon said that "the prime minister did not change his mind; he merely thought that if some ministers bave reservations about the proposals, it is worth delaying the vote and seeing if a compromise can be reached."

Among those who expressed some concern over the Meridor plan were Foreign Minister David Levy, Interior Minister Eli Suissa and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy.

The public sector proposals must be implemented, not in a Bolshevik

Not only is he worried by the excesses in municipality pay, but . also those in government companies. When professionals come for these top jobs, they must realize they are not entering a real free-market, but a sector where budgets and deficits are key."

"On the one hand we fight against increasing the minimum wage and on the other we allow these excessive wages," said Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher). "If the government does not approve this in the coming weeks, they can't come to us in the finance committee in the future to complain about the same excesses.

Initially, it was thought Meodor and the union delegation would meet this week, but with Meridor in the US until Thursday it seems the meeting is unlikely before next week. The issue will thus not come before the cabinet this Friday as was initially agreed, but more likely in 11 days.

Union chairman Adi Eldar described Meridor's proposals as a "catastrophe. There's always tenway, but they must be approved at sion between central and local gov-

"Exactly the same thing happened the next sitting of the cabinet," said emment, but these would make it unbearable. This goes much further that just talking of budgets; this is a real attack on our authority."

The debate has resurfaced in the public arena following the publicaoon of Wage Director Yossi Kucik's third annual Public Bodies Salaries

Meridor wants to see the creation of a research body to investigate salary levels in various governmentfunded bodies, a unit of investigators and economists to prepare legal actions, and an inter-ministerial committee to decide on the formulaoon of fresh legisladon.

In practical terms, the Treasury is proposing to withhold grants and funding from bodies. In some instances, credit approval will not be awarded. Sancoons will be imposed on those in breach of the law, including being removed from their positions. The issue causing the most anger in the local authorities is giving municipal treasurers independent stams.

Some of these measures can already be enforced, with others to be included in the proposed legislaMKs: June deadline for central bank reform

By DAVID HARRIS

Knesset Committee bas called on the government to put forward proposals for the reform of the Bank of Israel by June at the latest.
This was the compromise

agreement at the end of a discussion of MK Avraham Shohat's (Labor) private member's bill, which demands the creation of a board of governors for the central bank.

The majority of MKs on the Knesset Figance Committee agreed with Shohat's recommendation, but suggested it is proper. for the plans to be drawn up by the government, rather than as a result of an opposition sugges-

Only Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher) came out in support of the status quo, which gives bank Governor Jacob Frenkel the freedom to decide on key monetary

Frenkel has been subjected to attack from politicians, economists and the business community for his failure to substantially reduce interest rates.

While the committee has agreed to freeze the debate on Shohat's bill, Frenkel and senior bank staff - lead by monetary division head David Klein - are completing their own proposals for a oew Bank of Israel law, to replace the one passed in 1954.

It is absurd that the basic regulations controlling an organ of. government as important as the central bank be redefined by opposition-originated legislation, Frenkel said.

Within the coming weeks. Frenkel intends forwarding the bank's own proposals to Prime: Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Mioister Dan

Meridor.

The finaoce committee decided to look into the existing arrangements within the bank's hierarchy and to investigate the recommendations of the interim report of the Zussman committee, which recently presented its: findings on reforms to Frenkel.

These will be looked at in relation to the bank's official targcts, the currently available. means for the bank to reach those targets, communication among the bank and government, Knesset and general public, and the decision-making process within the bank.

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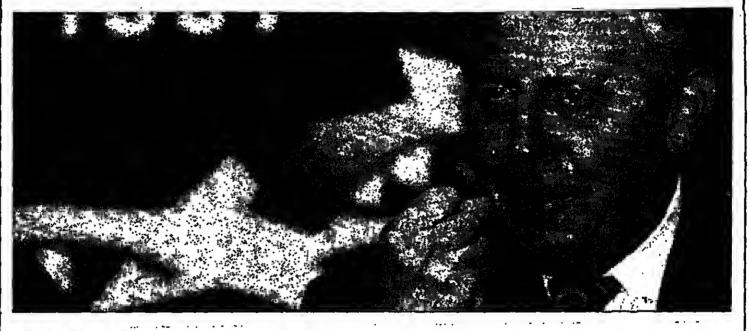
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Frenkel told the finance committee that while the original Bank of Israel law cmphasizes: the baok's independence, it has not been updated to cater to changes in domestic and international economics over the last 40

"If nothing substantive is forthcoming from the government] I will press ahead with my private member's bill," Shohat told The Jerusalem Post following the discussion.

While supporting Shohat's proposal, Amnon Robinstent (Meretz) warned that any board of governors must not include representatives of the Treasury

The central bank is going out stage further and suggesting that if a board is the final outcome; must not include what out source called "part-time economists who rnn their own businesses in the afternoon and will look to operate a policy that suits their own interests."



European finance ministers meet

European Commission President Jacques Santer clenches his fist during a press conference after a meeting of European finance ministers in Noordwijk, Holland. The 15 ministers agreed that a decision on which countries would take part in the launch of a single European currency in 1999 would be taken in late April or early May 1988.

TAAS in black for first time since '91

By news agencies

TAAS Israel Industries reached profitability last year for the first time since 1991, when the company Defense Ministry to a government

TAAS posted a profit of \$23 mil-

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lion (before extraordinary items) last state, by means of increased compayear, compared with a \$55m. loss (before extraordinary items) in 1995

TAAS announced yesterday that changed from an auxiliary unit of the special deductions, mainly early retirement, amounted to \$37m. last ear, compared with \$54m. in 1995. Half the expense is covered by the

ny capital.

The net loss, after deducting extraordinary items, was \$14m. last year, compared with a \$110m. net loss in 1995. The loss stems entirely from the first quarter of the year. By the second quarter, the company showed no profit or loss. In the second half of the year, TAAS carned \$4m. after deducting extraordinary items.

The company's operating profit last year was \$10.6m., compared with a \$44m. loss in 1995. Each quarter showed a progressively higher operating profit. Meanwhile, the country's five

leading military manufacturers are considering a privatization and merger plan, Ha'aretz reported ves-

Directors of the five companies -TAAS, Israel Aucraft Industries (IAI), Rafael Israel Armaments Authority, Tadiran Ltd., and Elbit Systems Ltd. - met recently to discuss the plan drafted by an external consultant, according to the report. The plan calls for initially privatiz-ing government-owned TAAS, IAI,

into one entity. A spokesman for Elbit said govemment officials initiated talks about merging the companies, but he would not confirm if such a meeting

and Rafael and then merging them

with private sector Elbit and Tadiran

had been held. Spokesmen for other companies would not comment on the report. The newspaper said the ideas presented by the consultant, who esti-

mated the companies' combined turnover at \$2.5 billion a year, were acceptable to all the directors at the meeting. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has vowed to privatize

most government companies, but military manufacturers are expected to be among the last because of secunity considerations and strong workers' unions.

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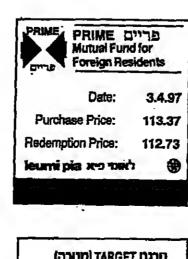
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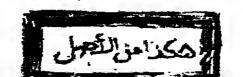
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COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

Corn futures end lower

By MIKE ZWERNER: Corn futures ended with solid

declines as technically inspired selling and a bearishly construed demand related outlook dragged prices lower.

The absence of any supportive information, along with news the USDA expects to loose 1.5 million tonnes in US com exports to Taiwan due to the foot and mouth disease found in their hog herds, combined to set the days weak tone.

This continued, with spillover pressure from soybeans and speculative selling firmly planting prices in negative ground through the

The May contract settled 6 3/4 cents lower at \$2.94 1/4. Wheat futures ended on the downside, pressured by spillover weakness from plunging soybeans and improving crop conditions in soft red winter wheat growing

The trend was consistent from the resumption, with carryover momentum from Thursday's late session collapse starting the day's

The lack of any fresh supportive news continues to keep prices in a downward trend, finishing lower for the fourth consecutive session. CommStock Trading Ltd.

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US warns Japan on export-led recovery

By CLAY CHANDLER

TOKYO - US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin warned over the weekend of renewed trade tensions between Japan and its major trading partners should Japanese govern-ment and business leaders rely on an

the ment and obstness leaders rely on an old-fashioned export drive to secure the recovery of their economy.

In separate meetings here with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, Ruhin urged Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, Ruhin urged Japan to rely on "domestic demand-led growth" rather than increased foreign sales to keep their wobbly economy moving forward.

It is "critical" that Japan's trade

surplus not rise again to a level that is detrimental to global growth, that causes trade friction with Japan's trading partners and that could fuel protectionist sentiments in other parts of the world," Rubin said in a

speech to American executives here. Rubin declined to recommend policies to spur domestic-led growth. Notably, though, he also declined to endorse the Japanese government's current economie the level of the previous year.

strategy, which calls for higher taxes and lower government spending policies that most economists believe will dampen domestie demand - and a more aggressive bid for economic deregulation.

Rubin's warning was the latest in a series of recent similar statements by Clinton administration officials. Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, Vice President Al Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright all have raised the export issue in visits to Tokyo within the last

several weeks. Japan has reduced the surplus in its current account - the broadest measure of its foreign trade balance from 3.1 percent of gross domestic

product in 1993, to 1,4% of GDP last year. But recent evidence suggests that trend is reversing. In January. Japan's trade surplus with the US jumped to \$1.24 hillion, three times

Increased exports accounted for nearly half the growth of the Japanese economy during the last six months of 1996.

Japan's leaders assured Rubin that they share his desire to bolster demand at home. But they offered no indication that they would alter their current policies. Bureaucrats at Japan's powerful Finance Ministry argue that Japan must rein in public expenditures if it is to afford the high cost of caring for a much older population in the next century.

But many private economists worry the measures will stifle domestic demand, at least in the short run, leaving Japanese firms little alternative but to turn to foreign mar-

kets. The 50% rise in the value of the dollar against the yen since 1995 offers another powerful inducement to run tip exports, since a stronger dollar makes Japanese products cheaper for Americans.

US executives from the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan pelted Rubin with questions and complaints about the strong dollar after he addressed the group. "At the current exchange rate, our profitabil-ity is gening killed," said Robert Orr Ir., a Motorola Inc. executive in

Rubin declined comment about exchange rates, other than to reaffirm the administration's position that exchange rates should not be used as

an instrument of trade policy. Rubin's brief visit to Tokyo is the first stop in a one-week trip which also includes stops in the Philippines

(The Washington Post)

APEC aims to free fund flows to support growth

Japan's Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka (left) is assisted with his headphones by an aide before the start of a press conference on the last day of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation finance ministers meeting held in Cobu, Philippines yesterday, during which ministers adopted initiatives to speed the flow of private funds to boost development. South Korean Deputy Brime Minister and Finance Minister Kyong Shik Kang (right) look on: "

Castro: 'New rich' must pay taxes

By FRANCES KERRY

HAVANA (Reuter) - Cuban President Fidel Castro lold citizens over the weekend that the country's "new rich" - self-employed people whose incomes are sometimes far more than wage earners - must be made to pay taxes.

Castro said that failure to pay taxes was one example of "social indiscipline" that jeopardized Cuba's struggle to preserve its socialist system. He said allies of the US in its bid to overthrow the Cuban revolution were "social

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parasites" and "people with no social disci-

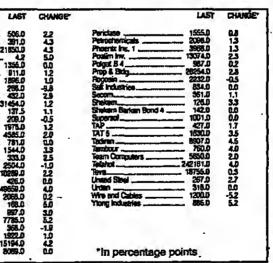
Speaking at an' event to mark the 35th anniversary of the founding of the country's Union of Young Communists, the youth wing of the ruling Communist Party, Castro also criticized an illegal but common practice of people renting rooms or houses to foreign

He said such people should be made to have licenses and pay taxes, although it was not elear whether he was preparing the ground for

future legislation to make such private reoting legal. Castro said there was a security danger to the unregistered renting of rooms to tourists, since foreigners might be "enemies" and authorities would not know where they

Castro noted that some people renting out property may earn as much as \$600 a month, some 60 times more than the equivalent Cuban peso wage of an average worker.

Personal income taxes were reintroduced last year for the first time in three decades.





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Surprising earnings lift shares higher

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By JOSHUA MITNICK

Stocks rose yesterday for a third day on better-than-expected fourthquarter earnings and on confidence that poliocal leaders will solve differences in negotiations with the

Stocks were led up hy holding company Israel Corp., up 4.25 percent to NIS 218.5; paints maker Tambour Ltd., up 4% to NIS 7.6; technology holding company Clal Electronics Industries Ltd., up 5% to NIS 349.78; and supermarket operator Blue Square Investments and Properties Ltd., up 1.75% to NIS 34.1

Bank Leumi rose 3% to NIS 5.78. software house Formula Systems Ltd. rose 5% to NIS 48.41, holding company Tadiran Ltd. added 4.5%, closing at NIS 89.07, and Mofet Technology Fund Ltd. moved up 5% to NIS

Israel's major chemical manu-facturers all advanced: Dead Sea Bromine Ltd. added 4.5% to close at NIS 21,48, Agan Chemical Manufacturers Ltd. gained 3% to close at NIS 84.03. Dead Sea Works Ltd. increased 2.75% to NIS 10.48, Israel Chemicals Ltd. rose 4.5% to NIS 3.91 and Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd. gained 1.25%, closing at NIS Offsetting the gains were Bezeq,

the Israel Telecommunications Co., down 3% at NIS 8.49, and Cvalim Electric Wire and Cahle Co., down 5.25% to NIS 12.

The Mishtanim index of the 100 most-traded stocks rose 1.71% to 255.69, while the Maof index of the 25 most- traded shares added

1.66% to 265.06. Dan Zcharie, an analyst at Capital Future Markets, said people are optimistic following surprising fourth-quarter results from banks, the chemical companies and insurance firms.

Regarding the current status of the peace process, Zcharie said investors expected friction. People are aware that the peace agreements would not go smoothly," he said.

Bank Hapoalim was the most active issue, rising 2.25% to NIS 7.06 on NIS 9.2m. of shares trad-

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 131.2m. of shares traded.

That's 18% greater than the month's daily average of NIS 111.1m. and 5.6% less than this year's daily average of NIS 139m. About 3 1/2 shares rose for every one that fell,

Koor Industries Ltd. increased 1.25%, closing the session at NIS 314.54.

The holding company's Telrad telecommunications equipment subsidiary said il would supply China with management and control systems for phone paging net-

Richest list in Britain puts Diana over Charles

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's settlemeol.. Charles will ool Priocess Diana is oow richer than her ex-husband and future king Prince Charles, thanks to a managing editor of the Sunday hefry divorce settlement and the death of her aristocrat father, according to a survey of the country's wealthiest people.

The annual Sunday Times survey of Britain's 1,000 richest over the weekend esti mated Diana's personal wealth at £17 million, some £15m. of which came from a divorce seltiement last August.

Diana shares the 916th richest spol with cookery guru Delia Smith. But Charles does oot make the list because most of his wealth is counted under his mother Queen Elizabeth's name.

"She has more assets than he has in terms of what she now owns as a result of the divorce

really cootrol much until he becomes king," said Ian Coxon, Times.

A spokeswoman for Charles said his personal wealth amounted to £4.9m. last year.

But because the income came from land under the Dueby of Cornwall, which the holds as a steward rather than an outright owner, he is unable to sell any of its assets. Diana's 15-year marriage to

Charles ended in an acrimonious struggle over the divorce settlement in which she relinquished the prestigious Her Royal Highness title. She also inherited a substantial

sum from the estate of her father Earl Spencer, who died in 1992.

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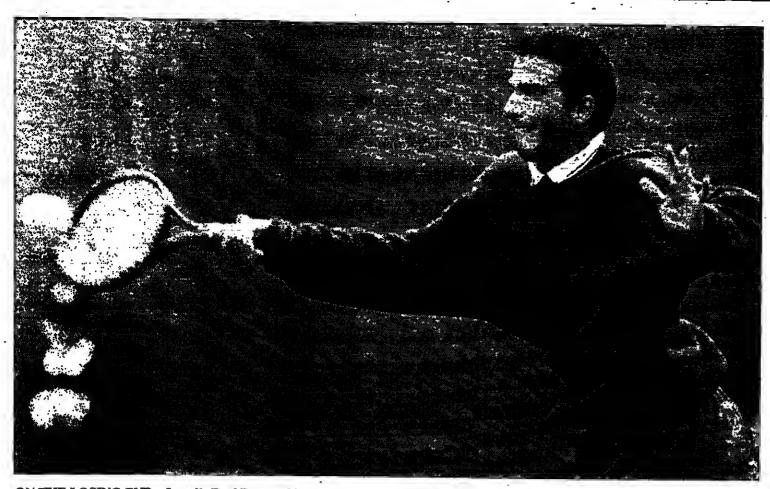
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ON THE LOSING END - Israel's Eyal Ran could do little in his battle to keep Slovakia's Karol Kucera and the cold weather at bay in the Davis Cup tie in Bratislava yesterday. Kucera won 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 to give the host nation an unbeatable lead. (Reuter)

Ran loses to Kucera in decisive Davis Cup match

Slovakia advances to next stage after 3-1 win over Israel

By News agencies

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia Karol Kucera of Slovakia beat Israel's Eyal Ran yesterday, giving his country an unassailable 3-1 in their Davis Cup tie and securing a place in the Euro/African zone

Kucera defeated Ran 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. The final "dead" singles rubber between Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty and Noam Behr of Israel was canceled due to the cold weather.

With Slovakia's win confirmed, the captains, Shlomo Glickstein and Miloslav Mecir and Swedish referee Anders Wennberg agreed to cancel the last singles match.

Kucera never gave Ran a chance, showing his typical patience and breaking Ran's serve three times in each set, while dropping his own only twice throughout the match.

Ran made several unforced errors and was even more demoralized by the fact that Knoera came back from 0-40 to win in three games.

"Karol prepared very well for this match. He played it cool," Milos Mecir, Slovakia's coach, said of the match. Israel's next opponents are likely to be Morocco

in a relegation tie to be played in Israel in Sweden 3, South Africa 2

Jonas Bjorkman beat South African Grant Stafford in a tense five-setter on yesterday to give favorites Sweden a 3-2 win and a slot in the semi-

Bjorkman beat Stafford 3-6, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in two hours 28 minutes in his home town of Vaxjo. Bjorkman, partnered by Nicklas Kulti, also clinched the doubles match for Sweden on Saturday, beating South African duo David Adams and Ellis Feneira.

The tie was level 1-1 after the opening singles on Cup fortunes in recent years. Priday when Sweden's No. 1 Thomas Enqvist bear Relegated from the elite 69th-ranked Stafford and South Africa's top player Wayne Ferreira beat Bjorkman.

Sweden took the lead on Saturday by winning the doubles but South Africa levelled the scores again earlier yesterday when Ferreira beat Enqvist 6-4. 6-4 in the first of the reverse singles. Sweden now face .ltaly in the last four on

September 19-21 in Sweden. Since the World Group began in 1981, Sweden have advanced to nine finals, winning four of them, and have reached the semifinals a further

They lost 3-2 to France in last year's final. Australia 5, Czech Rep. 0

In Adelaide, Australia completed a clinical 5-0 demolition of the Czech Republic when Mark Philippoussis and Pat Rafter won their reverse sin-Australian No. 1 Philippoussis overpowered

Martin Damm 6-4, 6-2 in the first of the reverse singles before Rafter beat David Rikl 7-6, 0-6, Philippoussis needed just 66 minutes to topple

Damm on the Memorial Drive grass court while Rafter fought back after a sluggish start to overcome Rikl, a lowly-ranked player better known for his doubles play. The tie was effectively over on Saturday when

top-ranked doubles pair Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde beat Damm and Rikl 4-6, 6-1, 7-4 to give the hosts an unbeatable 3-0 lead. Australia now face a likely semifinal against the US, who were leading 2-1 in their quarter-final against the Netherlands at Newport Beach in

California. Australia, winners of the international men's team event 26 times, had endured mixed Davis Relegated from the elite 16-team world group

after losing to Hungary in 1995, they fought their way back through regional qualifiers last year Their renaissance was confirmed when Australia unset holders France 4-1 in the opening round of

this year's competition in February, The Czech Republic's campaign was hit by the refusal of Petr Korda, Daniel Vacek, Bobdan

Ulihrach and Slava Dosedel to play in the tie. The team's fortunes dipped even further on Friday when Jiri Novak was forced to withdraw from his match against Philippoussis with a virus and was replaced by Rikl.

Italy 4, Spain 1
In Pesaro, Omar Camporese completed a 4-1 world group quarter-final victory for Italy over Spain when he beat Albert Costa 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in the second reverse singles yesterday.

The Italians had already booked themselves a place in the semifinals by winning Saturday's doubles for a 3-0 lead.

Earlier, Spanish No. I Carlos Moya made sure his team escaped a whitewash when he beat The Italian, who was making his Davis Cup

debut, gave the world No. 8 a tough time before losing 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. In other ties, Zimbabwe took a winning 3-1 lead

over Britain in their Davis Cup Euro/African zone group one second round tie after winning the first reverse singles when Byron Black of Zimbabwe

Austria beat Croatia 3-2 in their European/African group one tie in Graz, Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) beat Thomas Muster (Austria) 6-7(5-7), 7-5, 6-7(5-7), 6-2, 7-5 and then Gilbert Schaller (Austria) beat Sasa Hirszon (Croatia) 6-3.

Hapoel Tel Aviv relegated

precipitated a Herzliya comeback, as

Muli Katzurin's club closed a 28-20

The second half belonged to

enhanced his reputation as one of the

league's best clutch players.

The duo were able to thwart a terrific effort by David Brinsly, who hustled after every loose ball and

Josh Oppenheimer, who rained in

After the game, Katzurin compli-

mented his players by saying Without insulting Givar Shmuel, the better team won. We focused all

week on the job at hand. We came

Mac. Ra'anana 89, Hap.Holon 87 Holon made a furious comeback

charge towards the end of the game,

only to fall short. Marc Brisker

buried two free throws with 11 sec-

the homecourt advantage for its bat-

tle with Hapoel Jerusalem in the

semi-finals. The winner of that series

will participate in the Euro League

onds remaining to ice the victory. The win provided Ra'anana with

out and fulfilled our mission."

deficit to 35-31 at the half.

five three-pointers.

By ELI GRONER

After 43 years in the National Basketball League, Hapoel Tel Aviv was relegated to the second division last night. Bnei Herzliya, needing a win to stay in the league, pulled off the road victory and qualified for next year's Korac Cup competition to boot

Meanwhile, Maccabi Ra'anana earned the home-court advantage in the playoff semifinals by defeating Holon on the road, while Hapoel Jerusalem and Hapoel Eilat round out the final four. In other action, Maccabi Tel Aviv completed its first undefeated season since the 1988-89 campaign by routing Galil Elyon.

Buei Herzliya 63, Givat Shutuel 53

Todd Mitchell overcame a shaky
first half and scored Herzliya's final

eight points as Herzliya overcame an eight-point deficit to defeat Givat

Herzliya's victory means that idle Hapoel Tel Aviv - after 43 years in the National Basketball League has been relegated to the second division. Herzliya meanwhile, grabbed a spot in the Korac Cup by virtue of finishing in seventh spot in

A tremendous playoff atmosphere filled the air from the outset. Attempts by both clubs to play a fast-paced game failed to generate many points, as key players from both teams missed open shots throughout the game. At one point late in the second half, neither team

By ORI LEWIS

Hapoel Taiba's Wahib Jbara,

who collapsed and died during the

National League soccer match

with Bnei Yehuda on Friday, was

found to have suffered from a rare

heart defect, the initial autopsy

All efforts to resuscitate Jbara,

23, on the pitch failed after he

suddenly lost consciousness dur-

ing play, he was pronounced dead on the way to hospital.

Deputy Education Minister

Moshe Peled has set up a commit-

tee to look into the medical facili-

ties at the scene at Umm el-Fahm.

Although an ambulance was on

hand, it may not have been

equipped to cope with the situation.
The town of Taiba was still in

deep shock yesterday as thou-

sands came to pay their respects

to Jbara's family. It was

announced that club will bear his

name and be known as Hapoel

results have revealed.

The Brisker free throws followed an incredible three-pointer from the corner by Koby Baloul that pulled Holon within one, 85-84.

cored a point for almost four min-Brisker led Ra'anana with 24 points while Paul Thompson The intensity of the game was manifested in an ugly scene when with seven minutes remaining in the chipped in 18. Derrick Hamilton paced all scorers with 26. Hap. Eilat 88, Mac. Rishon 77 first half, Givat Shmuel star Dennis

Rishon played as well as it has all year, but Corey Gaines and James Hopson threw Lior Arditti 10 the floor and then punched him in the face. Hopson's subsequent ejection Fortest proved to be too much for Rishon to handle. Forrest scored 27 points in the paint, while Gaines ran a masterful performance from the Mitchell (29 points) and Arditti, who

Hap. Jerusalem 92, Mac. RG 71 H. Waldman poured in four threepointers in a second-half spurt that broke the game open as Jerusalem tuned up for its state-cup final against Maccabi Tel Aviv on Thursday

Mac. Tel Aviv 102, Galil Elyon 77 The Tel Avivians shancred any hopes that the northerners had of making the playoffs entering the game, by outplaying them in every. department. Doron Sheffer paced Maccabi with 20 points.

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Unpredictable Knicks beat Taiba player Hawks in key Eastern battle had a heart defect.

next season.

ATLANTA (Reuter) - John Starks bad 26 points off the bench as the unpredictable New York Knicks turned back the Atlanta Hawks 102-97 Saturday in a battle for third place in the Eastern Conference.

Starks hit seven three-pointers and Larry Johnson's free throw with 1:17 to play snapped a tie for New York, which opened a two-game lead over the Hawks in the battle for third place in the Eastern Conference. Atlanta fourth-place Detroit.

points and Steve Smith added 26 for Atlanta, which lost for just the fifth time in 39 home games this season. The Hawks were beaten for only the second time in their last 10 games over-

New York improved to 24-14 on the road and bas won three. straight away from home. The Knicks have won two of three. meetings with Atlanta this sea-

Christian Laettner and Dikembe Mutombo both four in ourth-place Detroit. out. after Atlanta held is in Mookie Blaylock scored 32 lead, 92-90 at the 2:50 marks.

Saturday's games: Scattle 103, Dullas 84; Miand 98, Toronto 84; Charlotte 115, Philadelphia 113; New York 102, Atlanta 97; Phoenix 99, Portland 90; Golden State 128, San Antonio 103.

Leicester's Heskey sets up League Cup final replay with late equalizer

LONDON (Reuter) - A scrambled Leicester City goal three minutes from the end of extra-time denied Middlesbrough the first trophy in their 121-year history as the English League Cup final ended in a 1-1 draw yesterday.

Leicester's Emile Heskey stabbed the ball home from close range after Middlesbrough's defence failed to clear.

Middlesbrough had seemed set for victory after Italian Fabrizio Ravanelli broke the deadlock in the evenly-fought tie by lashing home a left-foot drive through a crowd of players in the 95th

Ravanelli's goal came just min-

utes after he had missed a far easier chance, shooting straight at goalkeeper Kasey Keller from . three meters.

Both teams hit the woodwork in normal time with Heskey heading on to the top of the Middlesbrough bar after 65 minutes and Ravanelli heading on to Kasey Keller's right-post after 79.

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Neither team had a goal attempt on target in a poor first half but the tempo of the match increased in the second before reaching its climax in a tense period of extra time.

The replay will be at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough ground on April 16.

Grand National to run today

Grand National steeplechase, called off because of bomb threats on Saturday, will go ahead today, organizers said on yesterday.

Aintree racecourse managing director Charles Barnett said the race. the 150th Grand National, had been rescheduled for 1600 GMT today after consultations with trainers, owners and other interested parties. Barnett told a news conference:

"Trainers have been notified and the vast majority of those contacted have already indicated that their horses

LIVERPOOL (Reuter) - The will take part in the rescheduled nunning of the race." Thirty-eight runners were lined up on Saturday but the race was abandoned after two coded bomb warnings.

A crowd of 70,000 were evacuated from the racecourse and three controlled explosions were carried out on packages later deemed to be harmless.

Thousands of people, forbidden by police to collect their cars from the racecourse, spent the night on the floors of local sports halls and

Salmon slam in 11th leads Angels over Indians

ANAHEIM, Ca. (Reuter) - Tim Salmon hit a grand slam in the bottom of the 11th inning as the Anaheim Angels rallied for an 8-6 victory over the Cleveland Indians Saturday.

Darin Erstad and Luis Alicea greeted reliever Paul Shuey (0-1) with singles before Jim Edmonds walked to load the bases. Salmon, who had just two hits in 12 at-bats this season, worked the count full before hitting his third career grand slam over the left-field fence.

"He threw me a fastball and I just

hit it out," Salmon said.

"That was a big at-bat for Salmon," manager Terry Collins said. "He was struggling a bit before, but he had a plan for this at-bat. He was frustrated, but good players in situations like that come through." Cleveland had scored twice in the top of the 11th on Tony Fernandez's two-run double to take a 6-4 lead.

Anaheim loaded the bases with none out in the 10th on a single by Dave Hollins, an error by second baseman Julio Franco and an intentional walk to pinch-hitter Todd

But Eric Plunk relieved Paul Assenmacher and retired pinch-hitter Jack Howell on a popup before Gary DiSarcina lined to center fielder Grissom, whose throw nailed Hollins at the plate.

Hollins at the plate.

Saturday's AL results: Mūwankce S, Toroato 2; Detroit 15, Chicago White Sox 12; NY Yankees t0, Oakland S; Minnesota 7, Kansas City S; Bultimore 9, Texas 7; Cleveland 7, Anaheim S; Boston 8, Seattle 6, Saturday's NL results: Cotorado 15, Montreal 3; San Francisco 2, NY Mets 0; Florida 4, Cincinnati 3 (11); Adanta 8, Chicago Cubs 5; Houston 6, S1 Louis 2; San Diego 4, Philadelphia 1; Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 1.

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Liverpool waste chance to go top by losing 2-1 to Coventry LIVERPOOL (Reuter) Liverpool wasted a golden opportunity to go top of the English premier

league on yesterday when they conceded a last minute goal to lose 2-1 at home to struggling Coventry. Liverpool, who would bave knocked Manchester United off the top of the table for the first time since January if they had won, took the lead early in the sec-

ond half through Robbie Fowler. The England striker latched onto a pass from John Barnes and lashed a shot past Coventry goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic for his

29th goal of the season. But Coventry equalized 13 minutes later through Noel Whelan and then stunned the Anfield crowd of over 40,000 with a winner from Dion Dublin. Coventry's victory took them off

the bottom of the league into fourth from last, one place above the relegation zone.

Liverpool remain third, level on 60 points with Arsenal and three points behind United, who lost 3-2 at home to Derby on Saturday.

Israel handballers crush Cyprus 30-9

By HEATHER CHAIT The national handball team reached the preliminary rounds of the European Championships for the first time ever after last night's convincing 30-9 win over Cyprus at Hadar Yosef.

The result places Israel first in her section of the pre-preliminary rounds with wins over Cyprus and Greece. In the next stage, from September this year, Israel will play against Slovenia, France and the Czech Republic.

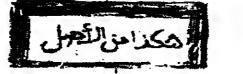
Last Wednesday Israel beat Cyprus 27-18 in Nicosia but last night's home crowd was the key to the resounding success. Top scorers for Israel were Shai Yaffe (7), Dov Yeshua (6) and Idan Maimon (4),

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, hosts mezzo soprano Ronit Wiedman-Levi in a program comprising songs by Dowland, works by De Falla and excerpts from Dani Akiva's new opus dedicated to the Saloniki Jews who were murdered during the Holocanst. The composer himself will accompany on guitar and lute, tonight at

The Rubin Museum in Tel Aviv presents an evening of Brahms's chamber music with the Jerusalem Trio and clarinetist Han Schol, tonight at 8:30.

POETRY

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Tomorrow evening (8:30) at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, there is a poetry evening devoted to the great poet Elsa Lasker Schüler in which actors, singers and poets will recite and perform some of the poetry of the great German-born poet which has inspired numerous works of art-

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

September in the Rain by UK playwright John Godber is a comedy about 40 years of marriage and wet British vacations played by Carol Clark and Jim Allen of Scotland's Tryst Theater. The prize-winning production, directed by Bill Graham, has its last show tonight at Yad Lebanim in Tel Aviv at 8.30. (English)

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

David Pountney has directed a visually sumning Rigoletto. Maestro Gary Bertini conducts the music with finesse. The singing, especially Laura Claycomb's Gilda, is way above average,



Ronit Wiedman-Levi sings at the Israel Museum.

but except for moments, this passionate tale of love, betrayal and murder is too cerebral by far. Worth seeing, just the same. Tonight at 8 at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Billie Moskona Lerman's investigative program at 8:30 on Channel 8 focuses lonight on illegal drugs. The first of the two films to be shown is Fungimentary, which was filmed in Australia, where a patch of hallucinogenic mushrooms draws huge crowds of law officers and consumers. The next film, Billion Dollar Crop, at 9:30 p.m., examines cannabis, also known as marijuana, hashish and grass. Its consumption was legal all over the world for hundreds of years, and its many oses made it widely available, Van Gogh painted on cannabis canvas, Queen Victoria used it as a painkiller and the original Levi's jeans were made of cannabis. The film interviews experts worldwide who support the legalization of cannabis.

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(uncontirmed) 22:30 English League 23:30 Pro Bowling and Business Report 1:00 Asia Today **EUROSPORT**

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Italian Symphony; Dvorak; 4th move-ment of New World Symphony; Haydn: 4th movement of Surprise Symphony, Prokofiev: Classical Symphony, Mozart 3rd movement of Jupiter Symphony; Lalo: 2nd movement of Symphonie espag-nole; Tchaikovsky: 2nd movement of Pathétique Symphony 13:00 Artist of the Week – mezzo-soprano Brigitte Fassbaender, Arias by Handel, Gluck, Bellin Ichaikovsky, Bizet,

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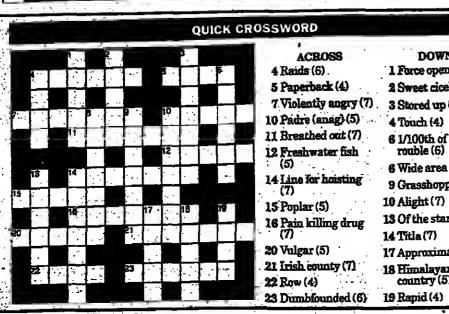
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Student groups punished for violent protest

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday forbade the Meretz and Ofek (Labor) student groups to hold any activities until at least the end of the month, after a vigil last they held last week to protest a talk turned violent.

Fist fights broke out between some 50 demonstrators and campus security guards a half hour before a lecture was to be given by journalist Barry Chamish on a "conspiracy" behind the murder of Yitzhak Rahin. The talk was canceled.

The dean of students also said the Students Union would be charged for the damage caused during the disturbances, which included broken windows and furniture.

Forest dedicated to Pope John XXIII

Msgr. Loris Capovilla, who served as secretary to Pope John XXIII, yesterday participated in the planting of a Jewish National Fund forest near Nazareth in memory of the late pon-tiff and Jules Isaac, a Jewish writer to whom be had been close. Before becoming pope, John XXIII had worked to rescue Jews under Nazi occupation, but experts oo Jewish-Catholic relations maintain that it was Isaac, who formulated the concept of "the theology of contempt," who influenced him to undertake a drastic revision of Catholic teachings regarding Judaism.

John XXIII eliminated the reference to "the perfidious Jews" in the Good Friday prayers and convened the Second Vatican Council, which made the Catholic Church a pioneer in Christian rapprochement with Judaism. Haim Shapiro

Korman trial moves ahead

The trial of Nahum Korman, the Hadar Beitar security officer charged with beating to death an 11-year-old Palestinian boy, Hilmi Shoushi, entered the evidence phase yesterday in Jerusalem District

A policewoman who was in the area during the stone-throwing in Kafr Hussan that preceded the incident in which Shoushi died, and who was sent to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, where the boy was brought, testified that doctors told her there were no signs of violence oo the boy's body, but that the boy would not live through the night.

Korman, 32, has denied the charges, saying the hoy fell on his head while running away.

presented to the General Meeting.*

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Tel Aviv, 7th April, 1997



Nahum Korman (Brian Hendler)

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NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF ORDINARY STOCK

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank will be held at its Registered Office. 24-32 Yehuda Halevy

Street, Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, 29th April 1997, immediately following the Ordinary General Meeting to be held at at 14:00 in the afternoon

on that day, for the purpose of passing resolutions concerning the approval of service of and disclosure by Officers, according to the text

A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote on his or her behalf. A proxy need not be a member

* The full text of the resolutions concerning the approval of service of and disclosure by Officers may be examined at the office of the

Secretariat of the Bank at the Bank's Registered Office, 24-32 Yebuda Halevy Street, Tel Aviv, during normal business bours.



Labor leadership candidates Ephraim Sneh (left) and Ehud Barak shake hands at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv yesterday as Yossi Beilin (second left) and Shlomo Ben-Ami look on. (Unn Ossendryver/Israel Sum)

Barak won't join Beilin in fighting unity gov't

Labor membership down by more than 100,000

By SARAH HONIG

Three of Labor's four leadership candidates yesterday expressed unreserved opposition to joining a oational noity gov-

ernment. But front-runner Ehud Barak, a staunch opponeot of a unity government, refused to join in an anti-unity move with his most serious rival, MK Yossi

All this happened at ZOA House in Tel Aviv, where the party's local branch held its convection io advance of the national coovention next month. It was the first time all four candidates - Barak, Beilin, and MKs Ephraim Soeh and Shlomo Ben-Ami - appeared together, as Barak had until oow refused to appear with the others.

Beilin, in his address, denied claims that "Barak is a Netanyahu clone. That is untrue. The fact is that Barak is 10 times better... If hoth of us together issue a joint statement against entering a national unity framework with the Likud, then such a

government could never be." But Barak, apparcotly unwilling to appear to be following Beilin's lead, replied that "the two of us are no better than Sneh or Ben-Ami, or than any central committee member. We must be weaned from the notion that

By RAINE MARCUS

The prosecution called its first

witnesses in the trial of Jerusalem

Mayor Ehud Olmert in Jerusalem

there are masters in the party who can decide without consulting the membership."

He reiterated his position that

the current government "most be hrought down, not saved."
Of the candidates, only Sneh did not speak out against a national unity government,

though he did oot support it. The chief national unity advocate, party chairman Shimon Peres, left yesterday on a 10-day trip to South America. The Barak camp charges that Peres is eager to bring Labor into the Netanyahu government before the June 3 primary in which his successor will be elected. If he succeeds, Peres would enter the government as Labor's senior minister and will thereby cement his leadership regardless of who

wins the primary. According to the just-concluded party membership drive, only some 160,000 people will be able to participate in the primary. This is drastically down from the membership drive of less than two years ago when 282,000 registered as dues-paying members.

District Court yesterday. Olmert is charged with falsifying invoices

and giving false declarations to

The charges relate to the 1988

Knesset elections and the 1989

local council elections, when

Olmert was the Likud's treasurer

and a member of a noo-profit organization in charge of dona-

Olmert is charged with invoicing companies who donated to

the Likud as "advertising ser-

vices," so they could eojoy tax

benefits. Olmert has denied all

the state comptroller.

nons to the party.

Meanwhile the possible national unity government was the main topic at yesterday's executive session of the National Religious Party, which expressed near-uoanimous oppositioo to the notioo, and especially to the possibility that the Likud might oegotiate national unity without consult-

ing its coalition partners. The coalition agreement, said party secretary-general Zevulun Orley, stipulates clearly that no oew members may be brought into the coalition without the prior consent of the present members.

. "To do otherwise would be outright betrayal," Orlev stressed

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said he was "far from certain that Netanyahu has actually decided to go ahead with national unity and in any case we are assured that no move will be considered without the prescot coalition partners."

Hammer said he plans to discuss the topic with Netanyahu when he returns from his trip to

"I am happy that the trial has started and seems to be proceeding

quickly," Itim quoted Olmert as saying. "I was never accused per-

sonally of any crime, but of being

responsible for crimes which

occurred. I am convinced that my

innocence will be proven, and I believe that the trial will not last

long."
Binyamin Carasso, one of the

owners of a car importer, told the court that Yona Peled had asked

him to advertise through a certain

company. In fact, argued the pros-

ecution, the money had been

donated to the Likud

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International mayors conference opens in capital

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Mayors from 45 countries, include ing 11 US cities, have arrived here to attend the 17th annual International Conference of Mayors in Jerusalem.
Co-sponsored by the American
Jewish Congress, the US
Conference of Mayors and the Foreign Ministry, this year's theme is "Taking the Past Into the Punne. The City as a Vehicle for Change."

The mayors will hold several sessions with Jerusalem Mayor Bhad

Olmert and also meet with Prim Minister Binyamin Neumyahn and President Ezer Weizman. They will also visit holy sites and meet with new immigrants.

American mayors participating in the conference include Mayor Carolyn Allen (Greenshoro, North Carolina); Mayor Brent Coles (Boise, Idaho); Mayor Karen Hasana (Springfield, Illinois); Mayor Vera Katz (Portland, Onegon); Mayor Hob Knight (Wichita, Kansas); Mayor Raymond Mariano (Warcester, Massachusetts); Mayor Pat McCony Massachusetts): Mayor Pat McCrory (Charlotte, North Carolina): Mayor Michael Peters (Hanford, Connecticut); Mayor Eizzbeth Rhea (Rock Hill, South Carolina); Mayer Ramon Luis Rivera (Bayamon Puerto Rico); and Mayor William E. Ward (Chesapeake, Virginia). They will be joined by mayors from Australia, Belarus, Ghana, Panzania. and other countries.

"By spending this time in Israel in general, and Jerusalem in particular, municipal leaders from throughout the world will gain a deeper understanding of Israel's achievements and problems, both in its capital and in the nation at large. Said AIC Honorary President Howard Squadron, who serves as the AJC's representative at the conference.

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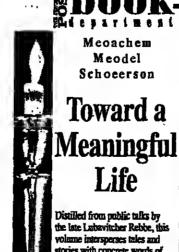
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